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HUGE ANTI-WAR MEET OPENS

'Demand Mooney Pardon, No Evasions' Says C.P. Statement MAY DAY FORCES IN FINAL MOBILIZATION

Two More Central Labor Bodies Join Anti-War Move

WELCOME DELEGATES!

The WESTERN WORKER on behalf of its thousands of readers welcome all the delegates to the great Pacific Coast United Front Conference against War and Fascism. We most heartily wish the greatest success to your deliberations in welding the masses of Pacific peoples for united struggle against capitalist re-action and imperialism war preparations.

—Editorial Staff Western Worker.

COMMUNIST PARTY SENDS
FIVE DELEGATES TO
COAST CONGRESS

Sam Darcy To Speak

WALDO M'NUTT, NATIONAL
ORGANIZER TO GIVE
MAIN REPORT

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Anita Whitney, seasoned veteran of the class struggle, will speak for the Communist Party at the united front mass meeting against war and fascism to be held at the Building Trades Council here Sunday night. The meeting is sponsored by the Pacific Coast Congress Against War and Fascism to be held Saturday and Sunday.

Other speakers on the program include Waldo McNutt, national organizer of the American League Against War and Fascism; Richard Criley of the University of California Anti-War Strike Committee, and George Castellan of the S. F. Council of Marine Crafts. A reception and dance will be held at the Building Trades Council Saturday night for delegates to the Congress. Admission will be 25 cents. Everyone is invited to attend the reception and the Sunday mass meeting.

NOTE—For the greater convenience of the delegates, all meetings of the Congress, as well as the reception and the mass meeting will be held in the Building Trades Temple, 200 Guerrero st., cor. of 14th st.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Endorsements of the Pacific Coast Congress Against War and Fascism to be held here Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28, continued to pour in at a late hour today.

Already more than 100 organizations have backed the struggle against imperialist war and violence. Los Angeles alone is sending a huge caravan of delegates, numbering more than 150, which will arrive here in cars late Saturday afternoon.

More than thirty American Federation of Labor locals, not counting those of the various Central Labor Councils, have given their endorsement of the Congress.

A representative of the American...
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HUGE SUPPORT GIVEN TO
STRUGGLE SHOWS MASS
OF PEOPLE FEAR WAR

United Front Is Built
REP. OF YOUTH ANTI-FAS-
CIST CONGRESS TO ASK
FOR SUPPORT

BULLETIN
SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 26.—The Alameda Central Labor Council, comprising more than 50 A. F. of L. locals, has endorsed the Pacific Coast Congress Against War and Fascism. Five delegates' credentials were voted by the Council. Carpenters' Local 1296 and the American Civil Liberties Union here previously had voted their endorsements.

OAKLAND, Calif., April 26.—The Alameda Central Labor Council this week voted to endorse the Anti-War Congress. Delegates will be sent to the Saturday and Sunday sessions at San Francisco. The City Council of the Public Works and Unemployed Unions here was one of the first bodies to vote its support of the Congress.

LOS ANGELES, April 25.—A
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35 ASSEMBLYMEN LAUD FIGHT OF PROFESSORS ON ANTI-RED BILLS

Wire To 18 U. C. Teachers Praising Action Of Fighting Vigilante Rule In Universities

SACRAMENTO, April 24.—"We commend the university for the courage of its instructors in taking a vigorous stand in favor of freedom of academic expression."

So, in part, read a telegram sent by thirty-five Assemblymen to President Sproul of the University of California, commending the eighteen U. C. professors who last week sent a telegram to the Assembly protesting A. B. 105, 106 and 107 which would make state laws preventing any freedom of action, organization or discussion of the students in the universities and would attempt to crush organized labor.

Among the members who signed

ASSEMBLY ASKS MERRIAM TO FREE MOONEY

COMMUTATION IS ASKED
INSTEAD OF PARDON
AS COMPROMISE

Demand Full Pardon
RADICAL PUBLICITY, NOT
INNOCENCE IS CITED
AS REASON

BULLETIN
SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—A statement issued by the District Committee of the Communist Party yesterday, declared: "The resolution of the Assembly is a cowardly evasion. Tom Mooney is innocent! He is entitled to a complete pardon. The people of California have been insistently demanding a complete pardon. The resolution of the Assembly is an attempt to prevent the case from going to the U. S. Supreme Court where the scandalous frame-up would be exposed to the nation. Mooney should be pardoned and compensated for his 19 years of victimization at the hands of the most reactionary ruling clique of any state of the Union."

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—A representative of the Tom Mooney Molder's Defense Committee here was to call today upon Mooney in his cell at San Quentin to determine his attitude toward the State Assembly's action late yesterday when it voted to call upon Governor Merriam to release both Mooney and Warren K. Billings on commutation of sentence.

The committee pointed out however, that since his conviction and imprisonment in San Quentin on framed charges of responsibility for the Preparedness Day bombing here in 1916, Mooney consistently has fought for an unconditional pardon and has refused to consider release on any other condition.

SACRAMENTO, April 25.—By a vote of 50 to 24 the State Assembly today called upon Governor Merriam to release Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings.
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35 ASSEMBLYMEN LAUD FIGHT OF PROFESSORS ON ANTI-RED BILLS

Wire To 18 U. C. Teachers Praising Action Of Fighting Vigilante Rule In Universities

The telegram were: Assemblymen Maloney, Glover, Voight, Gilbert, Geyer, Reeves, Peyser, Rosenthal, Pelletier, Richie, Anderson, Flint, Hawkins, Clark, Lore, Laughlin, Welch, R. Evans, Turner, Jones, Hornblower, Heister, Wallace, McCarthy, Weber, Meehan, Donihune and McMurray.

As forty votes are sufficient to kill these anti-working-class bills if they ever reach the floor, workers are urged to send letters to them and their legislators from their own constituencies, asking their vote to kill the bills and they work among their fellow assemblymen to vote for the defeat.

WARNING!

Rumors have come into us of the possibility of hoodlum raids on Communist Party and other labor headquarters on or around May 1. American Legion members have reported to us that conversation relative to such raids is current in Legion circles.

We direct all Party committees to take immediate steps to assure adequate protection of all headquarters. Guards must remain on duty during the night. Be sure that a warm reception is ready for any hoodlums or thugs who propose to take the law into their own hands.

No names or addresses should be kept on the premises during this period. Allow no groups of strangers to enter your headquarters without legal warrant.

DEFENSE WINS FREEDOM OF 4 AT GULLUP

FREED MEN RE-ARRESTED
ON DEPORTATION
CHARGES

Attorney Arrested
PROSECUTION MOVES TO
RAILROAD WITNESSES
OUT OF COUNTRY

SANTA FE, April 25.—The fascist terror which caused the arrest yesterday in Gallup of 27 workers and unemployed on deportation warrants has even invaded the court room of District Judge M. A. Otero, Jr. who is holding preliminary hearings for the 48 Gallup defendants. After murder charges against three of the defendants had been dismissed they were re-arrested by Deputy U. S. Marshal Mellica on deportation warrants before they had an opportunity to arise from their chairs.

Attorney David Levinson of the International Labor Defense who protested against this was also placed under technical arrest by the marshal. He was not held.

Later in the afternoon, charges were also dropped against another worker, Victor Campos.

Following the motion for dismissal, Counsel Levinson became suspicious and demanded the court's protection for these three men whom he expected to call in as defense witnesses if the case came to trial. Judge Otero declared the men would be under his protection so long as they were in his court but that he could not guarantee immunity from arrests when they had left it. At the noon recess, the judge had no sooner stepped down from the bench than the marshal stepped up and arrested the men, Albino Casas, Crescenio, Villa, and Pilar Rodriguez. Counsel Levinson ran after them into the corridor where he was rudely rebuffed with a charge of interfering with an officer.

After protest was made to U. S. Attorney W. J. Baker, the defense was assured that the men would not be moved from town until their attorneys were able to bring habeas corpus proceedings.
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RANK AND FILE HEAD ELECTED BY MARINE FED.

HARRY LUNDBERG, MEMBER
SEATTLE I. S. U. IS
MADE PRESIDENT

Finks Are a Danger
OVERWHELMING SUPPORT
OF TANKER STRIKE
IS VOTED

BULLETIN
SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Negotiations for settlement of the six weeks old tanker strike were ended here yesterday when the tanker operators continued their refusal to meet any of the demands of the strikers. Realizing the strikers mean their statement of increasing picket lines, and faced with the vote of the Marine Federation of the Pacific meeting in Seattle to "support the tank strikers even to the extent of a vote for a general strike," the Perkins Mediation Board has wired Washington for further power to compel the end of the strike by Federal force.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 25.—Harry Lundberg, Seattle member of the Sailors Union, with the support of the rank and file was elected president of the Marine Federation of the Pacific at yesterday's session.

Fred Friedel of San Pedro, member of the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Waterenders was chosen.
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Frame-Up Seen By Strikers In "Dynamite" Plot

STRIKE-BREAKING MOVE
SEEN IN MODESTO
ARRESTS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Recognizing the danger of the latest police invented "dynamite plot" being used to break the present tanker strike, the joint tankers' strike committee has issued a statement signed by its chairman, M. R. Rathbone, condemning the incident as a frame-up. The statement declared:

"The Modesto case is manifestly an attempt on the part of the oil companies to discredit the striking unions in the eyes of the public. The strike, so far, has been conducted on such a high plane that the companies, themselves, have had to instigate discrediting movements of the type illustrated in the Modesto case."

* Eleven Arrested.
Eleven men were arrested Sunday, April 21, in Stanislaus County, and, according to the officers had a quantity of dynamite in their cars. One of the eleven has been sent to Portland to stand trial on vandalism charges there. 9 are held on \$20,000 bail, and one has "disappeared" in the custody of officers from the northern part of the state, according to Modesto officials. James Scudder, the one who disappeared, is rumored to
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All Major Cities Except Oakland Win Permits For May Day Demonstrations

S. F. COMMITTEE VISITS
POLICE CHIEF, GETS
PARADE PERMIT

United Front Meets
OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
PRESSED FOR ACTION
ON MARCH

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Police Chief Quinn's attempt to side track the May Day march from Market Street and to have it end in some obscure spot, has been stopped, and a permit has been granted for a march up Market Street from the Embarcadero to the Civic Center, where the mass demonstration will take place.

A committee composed of James Garrison, Chairman of the United Front May Day Conference; Paul Coleman of the Butchers' local, A. F. of L., Carlo Fraldi, of the Cooks and Waiters, A. F. of L., Lawrence Ross of the Communist Party, and Addison Keeler of the American League against War and Fascism called on Quinn Thursday morning, April 25, and won the permit.

Speaking for the arrangements Committee they told Quinn that all the plans had gone too far to be changed at the last minute for any reason he could offer and they must decline to alter the plans for the march. Quinn then abandoned his proposition that all demonstrations be confined to one spot, to be designated by himself, and granted the permit without further argument.

Preparations for San Francisco's May Day are proceeding quickly, with floats, banners, etc.
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C. S. PRISONERS MOVED TO SAN QUENTIN PENDING APPEAL

Funds and Determined Campaign
Must Support Appeal To Higher Court

SACRAMENTO, April 26.—With the bail for the eight workers convicted of conspiracy to commit Criminal Syndicalism absolutely refused by Judge Da' Lemmon, the eight are to be moved from Sacramento County jail to San Quentin today or tomorrow where they will begin serving time pending decision on their appeal.

This move, decided on by the defendants when a writ of habeas corpus was denied them, and setting of bail for them was again refused, means that what time they put in would count on their sentences. In the county jail it would not. Such is the red tape of the capitalist courts that an appeal for working-class prisoners is never immediately acted upon.

To carry their appeal to the Supreme Court and on to the District Court if necessary, funds are badly needed. Not less than \$10,000 will be required for the transcript of the sixteen weeks' trial and the other necessary court fees. The International La-

A CORRECTION

During the rush to get to press with the last issue, dated April 25, we erroneously announced that the following speakers would address the May Day Demonstration in the Civic Center:

Win. Mosley Jones, Democratic floor leader in the Legislature; George Kidwell, president of the Bakery Wagon Drivers Union; and Sam Darcy, district organizer of the Communist Party.

They are scheduled to speak at the mass rally in Dreamland Auditorium on the evening of May 1 against the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism frame-up convictions.

The other speakers on the program will be Paul Richie, Epic and Labor Assemblyman; Celeste Strack, U. C. L. A. Leader of Anti-War Movement; Leo Gallagher, famous labor attorney; Harry Collentz, acquitted Sacramento defendant; and Ben Legere, San Francisco Counsel, Democratic Party.

Lyon Uses Gag Force To Save Anti-Red Bills

COMMUNIST SPEAKERS
DENIED RIGHT TO
FLOOR

SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 25.—"We don't want to hear from any Communists!"

Banging his gavel, Chairman Lyon, Merriam's Fascist Assembly strawboss, shouted this last
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L. A. PLAZA WILL SEE 50
ORGANIZATIONS IN
UNITED FRONT

Sacramento March
WORKERS OF SACRAMENTO
HAVE POLICE PERMIT
FOR PARADE

LOS ANGELES, April 26.—With enthusiastic rallies and conferences throughout the city, with at least 50 workers organizations taking part in a great United Front, the last week of preparation for May Day ensures tremendous mass demonstration in the Plaza.

Organizations that will take part in the noon time demonstration include Epic groups, Utopians, Unemployed Unions, trade unions, the Communist Party, and a number of Negro organizations, among the latter being the League of Struggle for Negro Rights.

Preparations are practically complete for the May Day Celebration in Mason Opera House, 127 S. Broadway, at 7:30 P. M. The program will open with an international chorus by the Freiheit Chorus Verein, the Ukrainian Chorus and the Freiheit Mandolin Club.

SACRAMENTO MARCH
SACRAMENTO, April 26.—A police permit for Sacramento's May Day Parade has been won. This is the first permit issued in Sacramento for a worker's march since the vigilante terror of last summer. At the end of the march there will be a mass meeting in the Plaza.

A May Day Celebration is also to be held at the Plaza Theatre in the evening, at which the principal speakers will be Emmett Kirby of the Communist Party, and George Wolfe of the International Longshoremen's Association. Other speakers will represent various liberal organizations.

The evening meet will be under the auspices of the International Labor Defense and will be a mass protest against the Criminal Syndicalism convictions.

San Diego Indoor Meet
SAN DIEGO, April 26.—The local May Day Celebration will open at 8 P. M. and will be an indoor meet. Speakers on the program will be Stanley Hancock, Section Organizer of the Communist Party; Winnifred Carr, and Paul Alexander.

The New Theatre Group of Hollywood will enliven the program with a dramatic presentation.

OAKLAND
OAKLAND, Calif., April 26.—The United Front for May Day includes 22 organizations. Those represented are the Public Works and Unemployed locals; 2 Epic groups (not yet officially endorsing); the Working Women's Society; the Production for Use Society; the International Labor Defense; the Communist Party; and many others.

The Oakland Police Department has so far refused a permit for the May Day parade, referring
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Northwest Lumber Men Speeding May 6 Strike Plans

BUILD UNITY IS MAIN DEMAND AT WASH. MEET

SHORTER WORK WEEK AND NO BLACKLIST TO BE ASKED BY STRIKERS

Seek Labor Party

RANK AND FILE OPPOSED TO LABOR FAKERS AND FORCED ARBITRATION

SEATTLE, Wash., April 25.—Speed preparations for the May 6 strike and build broad unity among all lumber workers of the Northwest, were the keynotes sounded at the Lumber Workers' Unity Conference, called by the National Lumber Workers' Union and held in Tacoma Sunday, April 21st.

A broad section of the lumber industry was represented at the conference which was attended by delegates from industrial and American Federation of Labor unions, including those of Canada.

The conference was called at a time when the entire body of workers in the lumber industry is preparing and organizing to engage in the greatest struggle in lumber history for better conditions of work.

* Out to Win.

The expressions of determination on the part of delegates and their unions to win the strike is a warning to the agents of the operators and the top bureaucracy of the A. F. of L. who are working day and night to avert the strike and force the workers into the mire of arbitration.

That the lumber workers are breaking away from the old line political parties and the official "non-partisan" policy of the A. F. of L. is shown in the unanimity in accepting resolutions calling for a Labor Party based on and controlled by the trade unions and fraternal and social organizations. Other resolutions adopted called for support of the May Day demonstrations and increased support of the Voice of Action, labor's press in the Northwest.

* Hits N.R.A.

The main resolution of the conference which also was heartily endorsed, condemned the N.R.A. the Wagner-Lewis Bill, Roosevelt's \$50-a-month forced labor plan, anti-labor bills and the sell-out tactics practiced by Muir of the C. I. of A. and others in attempting to force the workers to submit to arbitration.

Demands of the forthcoming strike include: A six-hour day, five-day week, and 70 cents per hour; abolishment of the black list and for hiring through the union hall; election of safety committees in every mill and camp.

* Rank and File Control.

Strike policies outlined which the delegates immediately will begin to put into effect are: Establish rank and file strike and negotiation committees to fight for rank and file control of the strike; establish a central strike committee comprising delegates from every mill, camp or local participating; to contact immediately the farmers and the unemployed workers and to bring the latter into the unions; rejection of forced arbitration and the right of the rank and file to vote on any measure before an agreement is signed; all locals involved to stay out on strike until a settlement is made involving every worker on strike; rank and file control of all unions.

VOTE TO STRIKE

PORTLAND, Ore., April 26.—The strike vote taken by lumber workers in Portland, Longview, Olympia and the five locals of the United Lumber Workers shows decisively the measure determined to fight for their demands. The vote, counteracted such statements by the fakers as that made Saturday by A. W. Muir who said "he sees no strike."

Workers of the entire lumber industry are planning to send delegates to the Conference at Longview, Wash., April 27-28, at which it is understood the operators will submit demands for arbitration.

NERONIA, Ore., April 26.—Lumber workers at the Clark-Wilson Camp here struck last week when operators discriminated against two union members.

The United Lumber Workers Union has moved its strike date from May 1, to May 6, in order to further establish the unity of the General Lumber Strike called for that date.

Roosevelt War Bloc Okehs \$460,000,000 Funds For Navy

DEFENSE LIE NAILED BY ADMIRAL WHO CITES OFFENSE NEEDS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—The Roosevelt War Government's naval appropriations bill, the biggest in 15 years, setting aside \$460,000,000 for naval construction, this week was handed to the House of Representatives by the House naval subcommittee.

While Chairman Cary of the subcommittee hastened to assert the bill was "purely a defensive measure," committee members already had heard Admiral William H. Standley declare that while present naval strength is "sufficient to repel an attack on American shores," the U. S. naval high command believes the navy, in its present state is incapable of carrying aggressive warfare to another world power.

The naval bill would clear the way for construction of 24 new ships, 555 new airplanes and construction of 11,000 more men. The previously approved army appropriations bill, calling for expenditure of \$400,000,000 provided for increasing the land forces from 118,750 to 165,000 men.

Sensing the reaction such huge war preparation expenditures were bound to have on millions of unemployed and semi-starved Americans, Chairman Cary cited "war clouds hanging over Europe," and declared "it is necessary for us to take notice and so prepare ourselves that we may be able to defend this fair land of ours in case an emergency should arise."

However, the jingoist, Admiral Standley, already had given the lie to any hypocritical defense apologies which adherents of the New Deal war government might make by telling the committee that the only way to get a decision is "to carry the war into an enemy's territory."

Soviet Scientist Finds Ricket Cure

MOSCOW, April 25.—The latest discovery of Soviet medical science is that curable is an excellent cure for rickets. Twenty babies were fed two teaspoons each a day, and at the end of the month seventeen were completely cured, according to Prof. Lepky, who conducted the experiments.

RANK AND FILE ACT AT DISTRICT LONGSHORE CON.

ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT PORTLAND EARLY IN MAY

Force Fakers Out

LESSONS OF 1934 STRIKE WILL FORM BASIS FOR MILITANT ACTION

PORTLAND, Ore., April 26.—The second District Convention of the International Longshoremen's Association will be held here beginning the second week in May.

Last year the District Convention was called by militant rank and file longshoremen over the heads of the district leaders, Bjorklund and Paddy Morris, both of whom did everything in their power to prevent the delegates from meeting.

This year, with the lessons of the great Marine and General Strikes of last Summer in back of them, the longshoremen are preparing to put forward a slate of real District leaders who will have the interests of the rank and file at heart.

Last year, while the rank and file were preparing a militant program to get actual benefits for the membership, the fakers and politicians held vote-swapping caucuses and the slate selected included Bjorklund, W. J. Lewis, Finnegan, Crumholz and Pedro Peto, all of them fakers of the first water.

Since that time Bjorklund has resigned as secretary and is now a gun-toting sheriff in the state of Washington; Finnegan, a signer of the infamous June 10 agreement, has decamped with money belonging to the clerks and Crumholz continues to get drunk while he is supposed to be conducting I. L. A. official business.

The fakers definitely are losing their traditional grip on the I. L. A. This year's District Convention probably will see the election of an entirely new and militant body of leaders. The rank and file workers are tired of sell-out artists.

Workers, farmers! Get a bundle of Western Workers and distribute them to your shop mates, friends and neighbors.

The Hands That Beat The War Drums



Main plants of the huge munitions makers of Europe, who for two weeks just prior to Hitler's provocative declaration on March 16 held a big international conference, as the "International Railmakers Association" at Nice. Present at this secret meeting were Dupont and Bethlehem Steel of the U. S. A. Since their meet and Hitler's re-armament announcement, all the plants have been running full blast, filling orders of their home countries and those of expected "enemies."

"Pioneers" Will Be Sent to Destitution In Alaska Coal Area

1000 STARVING FAMILIES TO BE CONSCRIPTED IN LATEST "PEON" PLAN

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—The North Star motor ship with 120 men, all from California transient labor camps, aboard, left here Tuesday morning, bound for Alaska and the Matanuska Valley where ground will be broken preparatory to shipping in 1,000 destitute families from the drought-stricken, dust-ridden Middle West.

When Russian workers and farmers break ground in fertile Siberia and establish huge, prosperous colonies, the capitalist press pretends to feel very sorry for the "starving, victimized peasants." While the American Government plans forcibly to ship 1,000 starving families to a land rich in coal but of small agricultural value, the victims are labeled "pioneers."

Manatuka Valley was set aside by act of Congress in 1914 as a United States coal reserve. When coal mines are unable to operate in this country and thousands of coal miners are unemployed, the "benevolent" government, faced with a rapidly developing revolutionary situation in the Midwest, ships thousands to sure starvation and destitution.

According to government plans, each family will receive 40 acres in Matanuska Valley. Each family will be forced to pay \$3,000 over a period of 30 years. The families will be conscripted from Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan and the Dakotas, states made barren by the AAA crop reduction program and its resultant devastating dust storms. The 120 transient workers who left this week will be followed soon by 380 more. Officials here flatly refused to accept applications of three negro transient workers and indicated no Negroes would be allowed in the future.

Zlodi Bros.
Dairy Lunch & Cafeteria
67 Fourth St., near Jessie, S. F.

RECOGNITION OF UNION ASKED BY OHIO STRIKERS

2340 CHEVROLET WORKERS WALK OUT WHEN CO. REFUSES DEMANDS

Reject Compromise

WILLIAM GREEN MAY ACT TO PREVENT STRIKE FROM SPREADING

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 25.—More than 2,340 auto workers at the Chevrolet Motor Company here went out on strike Wednesday when officials of the General Motors Corporation, parent of the Chevrolet firm flatly rejected the worker's demands for union recognition, elimination of the terrific speed-up and 70 cents per hour wages.

The men are members of the United Automobile Workers Federal Union, affiliated to the American Federation of Labor. An overwhelming majority of the workers accepted the United as their official representative, at recent elections conducted by the Auto Labor Board.

* Green Afraid

William Green, president of the A. F. of L. and self-appointed representative of the Auto Workers, told newspaper men he fears "grave danger" that the strike will spread to other auto factories here. Rank and file sentiment is decidedly in favor of spreading the strike.

A virtual lock-out was effected by company officials when they closed down the plant following the initial strike action. Although the company offered to compromise on several points, including a small wage raise, Alfred P. Sloan Jr., president of General Motors declared the company would not recognize the local union as the sole bargaining agency, representing all the employees in the plant.

* Reject Compromise

Union meetings are taking place almost daily but it is understood the company's counter proposals have thus far been given scant consideration by the strikers, who are tired of sell-outs and fake rulings by the Auto Labor Board appointed by President Roosevelt. Rejection of the unions demand is expected to force the first tests between the American Federation of Labor and the powerful corporation.

BOARDS NAMED FOR SPENDING RELIEF FUNDS

INCREASE OF CCC CAMPS TO 600,000 IS PLANNED

"Subsistence" Farms

PLAN TO COMBINE WORK ON FARMS WITH SWEAT SHOPS

WASHINGTON, April 25.—President Roosevelt has begun making plans for spending the four billion dollars available during the next year for relief work. He has already listed over sixty Federal agencies which will cooperate to spend the money, and incidentally create a lot of fat jobs for political henchmen.

Three new agencies have been named to help the task of the sixty now on the job. They are one for "rural settlement," one for "rural electrification" and one for elimination of grade crossings. A "clearing house" will coordinate these various agencies, at the head of which will be Frank C. Walker. An "allotment board" is to be named shortly, which will settle the division of the plunder.

* CCC Camps Doubled.

The first appropriations for the relief funds will go to double the size of the CCC camps. \$600,000,000 will be spent this year to increase the enrollment from 300,000 to 600,000. Of the money appropriated, the workers would get a little more than a third in the form of wages, at \$30 a month. Even then, most of this will go to their dependents on relief, which will save the government the expense of maintaining them. All this will be for back-breaking work while living in camps under military supervision, and eating rotten grub which has in the past caused hundreds of strikes in camps throughout the country, in spite of the elaborate stool pigeon system used to squelch expression of dissatisfaction.

The CCC comes first on the list because its members are part of the military machine Roosevelt is building up. They are out of contact with the labor union's struggle for a living wage, and under reactionary army supervision, they will form a strike-breaking machine to supplement local guards.

Next on the list comes "rural resettlement," which is intended to take families off the relief rolls and put them on farms so small as to guarantee that they will provide nothing more than a bare subsistence.

This plan, reminiscent of Upton Sinclair's "production for use" plan, would move farms from "sub-marginal" or semi-desert land to new areas, and create communities which would depend for their livelihood on a combination of farming and "semi-industrial" employment. "Semi-industrial" is another term for "sweatshop."

The "rural electrification" program provides for bringing electric power to the farms. In the past the high cost of a rural distribution system has kept power companies from getting much farming business. If the government build, and furnishes the rural lines, the incomes of private utilities can be greatly increased. Aid to power companies is also a prominent part of the CCC work. The building of dams and planting of trees, and fire prevention work, are all designed to protect the water sheds on which the private utilities depend, the army, and the national spend for their water power.

4th Annual

May

PICNIC

ROYAL PALMS GROVE

(San Pedro)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH

All Day

Good Eats - Games - Dancing.
Admission and Transportation 25c.
Auspices May Picnic 25c.

From The Worker Correspondents

LODI FARMER FACED WITH RUIN AS RESULT OF AAA HOG-CORN ACT

Tears Up Contract In Order To Escape Paying Huge Fine and Loss Of Hogs

By a Farmer Correspondent.

LODI, Calif., April 24.—These sleepy farmers should wake up to the fact that they are being robbed. One farmer who did wake up found that the very organization that he dreamed was helping him, that he had paid dues to for years, had taken the farmers' living away from them while they slept.

The small farmers must realize that the big farmers and farm organizations, the Grange Company, Chambers of Commerce etc., are their enemies. This farmer got into a mess I will describe in his own words, over hog control at the beginning of the control program. He had five brood of sows. At the wind-up he got scared they would jail him for having over his limit so he almost gave away two of his last brood sows.

* Loses Cattle.

Five months later the Tuberculin Test racket took all of his twelve head of cattle so at the present time, when pork and butter are high, he has very few hoes and no cows. Here is his story in his own words:

"We received literature urging us to sign a contract to curtail hog and corn production. As we were only getting \$3 at the time per hundred pound hog, we decided we ought to sign something if it would raise the price any."

"So we went all over the local

Eureka Lumber Men Get Taste Of N.R.A. Labor Board Fakery

By a Lumber Worker.

EUREKA, April 25.—The union workers here in Eureka are getting some experience with the Regional Labor Board at least. Friday and Saturday Mr. Wagonett of the Regional Board was in Eureka and held a trial that consisted of three distinct charges of discrimination and failure of the operators to bargain collectively with the Sawmill and Loggers Union, which is an A. F. of L. union of the new Federal type.

The trial lasted from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. Friday and from 9 a. m. to 12:30 noon, Saturday and was held in the Federal Building. There were about fifteen of the company bosses at the trial, one of whom was there as a witness for the union—in fact the main witness. This boss, George R. Miller, is head millwright in the factory at Scotia, the headquarters of the Pacific Lumber Co.

* Bosses Prominent.

At the head of the table sat Mr. Wagonett, on his right, the stenographer and on the left were two attorneys for the company and Congressman Hans Nelson and H. L. Ricks, Mr. E. E. Yoder, the resident manager for the company, and J. B. Willford, president of the union, also were there, as well as other witnesses.

On Friday at least forty workers were in the court room, most of whom had to stand up as there were not enough chairs for them. The union president was the attorney for the union and did a good job for the first time he has tried anything like this. Several times the company men were so badly tied up in their lying testimony that the company attorney would answer for them.

Grafters Cover Up As Re-classifying S.E.R.A. Is Begun

By an S.E.R.A. WORKER

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—The big drive is on by the top officialdom of the S.E.R.A. Administration to whitewash themselves of the huge graft charges that have been uncovered by the workers on State Relief projects.

On April 32, the S.E.R.A. officials put machinery into motion to re-classify many workers who reported for work Monday. Foremen were instructed to single out certain men who were to be reclassified. I was third on the list. This was at the Lake Merged Project. We were instructed to return our shovels to the tool house and then line up to be checked and counted.

After the fascist foremen had extracted the most militant workers from the ranks we were instructed to report to the field offices. There we found a group of white collar workers whose duty it was to ask us a lot of questions about our past lives. This reclassification is for one purpose—to whitewash the grafters at the top and hang the charges on the workers by stating that hundreds of workers were "illegally" on relief rolls, had falsified their application for relief.

* Likes Company Union

The Woods superintendent at one time said that a good union was all right. When asked if he ever had worked in a union plant he said once in Oregon in a plant that was 100 per cent organized in the LLLL (Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen), which was organized as a company union during the war to break the I. W. W.'s. He said this plant was about the smoothest running plant that he had ever worked in.

OAKLAND JOBLESS UNION WAGE FIGHT AGAINST S.E.R.A. FAKERS

Relief Heads Pull Fast One Trying To Dodge Committees

OAKLAND, Calif., April 25.—The Public Works and Unemployed Union is gaining prestige among the workers in the Eastbay. It has grown from a small local of a few members several months ago to eight locals now, with several hundred members.

There are not a lot of workers attending the meetings, but when there is a threat of a cut, as in one a short time ago, then they flock into the meetings. It shows that when there is danger of losing part of the little that they are given now, their first thought is to turn to the Public Works and Unemployed Union, realizing that is the only thing to turn to when faced with such a threat.

Now the State Emergency Relief Administration sees that too. They know that the P. W. U. is the only real block to a further slash in the budgets. So they must break this union. There is the "S. E. R. A. Crusader," a Fascist paper, which is openly financed by such capitalist groups as J. C. Penny, Montgomery Ward, Capwell Sullivan and Furth, Gallen Camps, and others. The editor, Mr. Fitzpatrick is a former S.E.R.A. worker, but he finds he can make a good living publishing this "workers" paper. We wonder why he has free access to the S.E.R.A. offices. It is not hard to understand when we remember that shortly after the initial publication of the "S.E.R.A. Crusader" they called a mass meeting of S.E.R.A. workers to help them organize into a union, although it was a well known fact that there was already a union.

His union was a flop, but not satisfied, he keeps calling meetings for the union, with a small group of labor fakers such as George Graydon, Steel, Nathan, etc.

The S.E.R.A. administration is trying something new now. The PWU has been mostly built around grievance committees, which have taken these grievances to Mr. Roeth, who is in charge of the Alameda Co. Division of the S.E.R.A. and have thereby corrected many of the grievances. Now instead of permitting the committees to see Mr. Roeth, they have been sent to the "ad-judgment bureau" to be corrected. The committees were averse to this at first, but as long as the grievances had been corrected through that channel, it was finally decided that it was OK. Now we see the real purpose of this. An announcement has been made in the daily papers that the "Ad-judgment Bureau" has been discontinued at the S.E.R.A. office, in Oakland and that "hereafter adjustments will be made by the Social Workers, who will make monthly visits at the homes of the S.E.R.A. workers." What next? We will now have to begin sending committees to Mr. Roeth. But if he refuses to see us because of the new setup, declaring (which most likely he will) that adjustments are out of his hands entirely, and that any adjustments must be taken up with the "Social Worker" in charge, hoping that we will be lost in the maze of finding the social workers for all the cases, that leaves one door open to us, the mass committee work.

East of the Rockies

Jailed Communists Win Election

TAYLOR SPRINGS, Ill., April 26.—Frank Pansick, now in State prison for leading a struggle against an eviction, has been elected City Treasurer on a Communist ticket. Frank Mucci, Communist, who was jailed in the same struggle, was elected City Clerk. A third Communist candidate, Prickett, was defeated so fraudulently by the Democratic machine that there is strong possibility of a new election. Pansick was sentenced to 60 days for "contempt of court" when he sent a letter of protest to a judge who was dealing heavy sentences to arrested workers.

Silk Strike Set For May 1

PATERSON, N. J., April 26.—Alex Williams, general manager of the American Federation of Silk Workers has announced to the local Mayor's Conciliation Committee that there will be a general walk-out of Paterson silk workers on May First to enforce union conditions. All preparations for the stoppage have been made. Strikers from 19 shops already closed in a struggle over wage cuts have gained relief funds from the local emergency relief offices.

Union Officials Want Scabs Protected

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., April 26.—Since his conference with John L. Lewis and district officials of the United Mine Workers of America, Governor Earle is keeping Pennsylvania State Troopers in the Glen Alden coal area where members of the United Anthracite Miners are on strike. The officials of the U. M. W. A. protested to the governor that it would be dangerous for members of their union to scab on the other union without troops to protect them.

City Ordinance To Ban All Leaflets

DETROIT, Mich., April 26.—The City Council is preparing an ordinance against all hand-bills and leaflets which is designed to effectively gag labor organizations so far as their publicity is concerned. The proposed law is modeled after that of South San Francisco, Cal., which prohibits the distribution of anything but regular newspapers. Workers' groups who are fighting the Detroit bill point out that labor organizations can get no hearing in the capitalist press.

Chevrolet Workers Strike

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 26.—2000 members of the United Automobile Workers' Federal Labor Union have walked out of the Chevrolet Motor Company's plant here in a strike for better wages and hours and recognition of their union. The company broke off negotiations with union officials, refusing to deal with the strikers in any way. The union represents at least 90 per cent of the Chevrolet workers.

A. F. L. Chief Refuses Help To Mooney

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has turned down the appeal of Tom Mooney for funds to help carry on the fight for his release. The \$20,000 a year union leader refused Mooney's request on the ground that the workers of the country are too hard hit for the A. F. of L. officialdom to raise any funds for him. In his letter to Mooney Green said: "Notwithstanding my feeling in the matter, I am certain, because of the distress which prevails throughout the nation among working people, it would be impossible to raise additional money for your defense funds." In his letter to the International Labor Defense acknowledging its \$100 contribution Mooney points out that the misleaders who head the A. F. of L. have never contributed a penny to the defense fund for himself and Billings.

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Chengtzu Evacuated

VICTORY CONFIRMED BY U. S. STATE DEPT. REPORT

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—The State Department has issued a statement based on most recent official reports of the evacuation of Americans and other foreign residents from Chengtu, capital of Szechwan Province, China. Its information confirms reports of the growing strength of the Chinese Red Army and failure of the foreign subsidized remnants of Chiang Kai-Shek to halt the advance of Soviet China.

The evacuation itself was no more than the customary removal of civilians from war sectors, and not, as the Hearst press wishes to indicate, the flight of innocent people from a barbaric horde. It is obvious that an army of peasants and workers capable of defeating and driving before it the best trained and equipped war machine ever developed in China, is no undisciplined mob.

* 100 Miles from Chengtu

The State Department report reads:

"Within the past two weeks, the Communists in Northern Szechwan under the leadership of the Communist General, Hsu Hsiang-chien, have taken advantage of the preoccupation of the provincial military authorities with Communists along the Kweichow-Szechwan border (Southern Szechwan) to commence an attack against the provincial troops holding the sector northeast of Chengtu, capital of Szechwan.

"The attack is understood to have covered a front of approximately twenty miles in length, situated about 100 miles northeast of Chengtu. Following the withdrawal of the twenty-ninth Army of provincial troops, the Communists redoubled their attacks, with Chengtu as their objective.

* Important Town Taken

"As a result of these attacks it was reported on April 15 that several strategic cities and towns had fallen into the hands of the Communists and that there was much uneasiness and apprehension in the provincial capital. In consequence the American Consulate General at Hankow advised American residents in Chengtu to effect the preliminary evacuation of American women and children and if need be to evacuate the city of Chengtu entirely.

"That the Chinese authorities at



"as those who will not see" was never more truly said than when applied to Hubert Knickerbocker, shown here in glasses and Russian cap at a meeting at the Frezer Machine Tool factory where workers are voting on members for the Moscow Soviet. Immediately following this scene he launched into a series of articles for his boss, William Hearst, foul with lies of starvation and attacking the "dictatorship" in the Soviet Union. Shown below him (middle figure) is George Andreytchiv, former IWW who was sentenced to Leavenworth prison together with Bill Haywood for twenty years. They went to the USSR where George is now contact man for the Intourist, greeting American tourists.

Negro Grand Juror Receives KKK Note

HARRISBURG, Va., April 23.—Ed Black, the first Negro to sit on the grand jury in this county received a note reading:

"A hint to the wise is sufficient. Just a tip if you believe signs you will not be present for grand jury. Signed KKK." Black was added to the grand jury as a result of the Supreme Court's decision in the Scottsboro case. In spite of intimidation, he reported for jury duty.

Chengtzu were also apprehensive is indicated by the fact that the Commissioner of defense is understood to have advised foreigners to evacuate the city. Reports received by the department under date of April 19 indicate that the evacuation to Chungking of American women and children, there being a total of fifty-two American residents in Chengtu, commenced on April 16 and was being effected by boats, automobiles and airplanes.

"However, these reports also indicate that, following the dispatch of additional provincial troops from Southern Szechwan to the affected areas (this move having been made possible by the dispatch of National Government troops in Southern Szechwan), the situation has eased somewhat.

"The American Consulate General at Hankow and the U. S. S. Pabos at Chengtu have been keeping the location at Peiping and the department currently informed and are following the situation with care."

Midway Island Air Base To Be Next Clipper Ship Goal

"COMMERCIAL" ROUTE IS PRELUDE TO FORMATION OF MILITARY AIRWAY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Less than twenty-four hours after the safe return of the Pan-American Clipper airship from its record smashing round-trip to Hawaii, Pan-American Airways announced the near-completion of its "commercial" airbase at Midway Island, 1,254 miles north and west of Honolulu.

Widely hailed as establishing the feasibility of a "commercial" air route to the Far East where American imperialism is heavily invested, the flight of the Clipper has blazed the trail which American military planes will undoubtedly follow in the event of war between Japan and this country.

Midway Island rapidly is being prepared as the next outpost in American imperialism's attempts to establish partial hegemony over the Pacific. A direction finder and an adequate water supply, consisting of four wells, are being developed. An electric plant has been built which will furnish sufficient electricity to illuminate the entire island.

Farther along to the Far East lies Guam, 2993 miles from Midway Island. Here the United States Government already owns and operates a naval base and a large radio station. Midway Island for years has been a relay station for Commercial Pacific Cable between Guam and Hawaii.

Canadian Colliery Strikers Injured

CORBIN, C. C., April 25.—A fight between police and strikers occurred here when an attempt was made to bring scabs through the picket line established by striking workers at the Corbin Collieries. Six strikers were badly hurt, and twenty-five bruised when police charged with drawn batons. Five of the police were hurt in the melee. The strike is now in its third month, with the mine owners still refusing to recognize the Mine Workers Union of Canada.

The authorities are making every effort to break the strike. J. Falkner, president, and John Press, secretary, were immediately arrested, along with several others whose names were not divulged and who are being held incommunicado. The striking miners answered the action of authorities in importing twenty police from Vancouver by bringing two hundred striking miners from Blairmore, twenty-five miles away, to reinforce the picket lines.

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Foreign News Briefs

Smidovitch, Old Bolshevik, Dies in USSR

MOSCOW, April 26.—Peter Smidovitch, one of the oldest Bolsheviks, a leading member of the Central Executive Committee of the Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republics, is dead. Born in 1874, he began his revolutionary work while a school boy. Expelled from the University in 1894 for revolutionary activity he went into exile in France where he studied in an electro-technical school and took part in all the struggles there until his death.

Mexican Power Strike Grows

MEXICO CITY, April 26.—The oil port of Tampico is entirely without electricity in the strike of electric workers against the British owned power and light trust. The arbitration maneuvers of the Cardenas Government have been swept aside by the workers, as well as the government's ruling that street lights and the State Capital must not be deprived of electricity. The entire city is without light, power, telephones and street car service. Flour mills closed for lack of power and the mill workers and street car workers have joined the strike. A general strike of Mexican electrical workers seems assured as the cities of San Luis Potosi and Leon join the walk-out. The capitalist press is unable to do any strike breaking since there is no power for the press rooms.

Anti-Fascist Defies Nazi Death Court

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, April 26.—The details of the trial of Pieter Schultz, in Hamburg, Germany, on charges of having been the leader of the Red Front Fighters of Hamburg have been published here in the Danish paper "Politiken." Schultz was tried and sentenced to death on March 18. In his closing speech Schultz denounced the court for not letting him defend himself and pointed out that "even though there is one fighter less, we shall be victorious all the same." As he left the court room he called to the tumultuous crowd to "come to the execution and see how a Communist can die."

Move To Help Spanish Anti-Fascists

PARIS, April 26.—A broad European Conference to aid the victims of Spanish Fascism has been organized here, and the facts of the terrible repression of the October uprising in Spain by the Fascist are being examined and prepared for a wide international relief campaign. The French Government's refusal of the right of asylum to fleeing Spanish Revolutionists was exposed in a recent meet and a strong resolution of protest was forwarded to Alejandro Lerroux, head of the present French military fascist regime.

Nazis Increase Persecution Of Jews

LONDON, April 26.—In presenting a report of a joint foreign board to the Jewish Board of Deputies today, Leonard S. Montefiore remarked that the position of the Jews in Germany is markedly worse, Hamburg, which was supposed to have been a "bright spot" for Jews, is now featuring signs in its shop windows that "no Jews are employed here."

Death In Manila Over Eviction Fight

MANILA, P. I., Mar. 28.—An eviction struggle at San Pedro Tunasan yesterday resulted in one death and five injuries. Agents of the Macondray company attempted to evict Luciano Lisare, unemployed worker from his home. When Lisare refused to move, they proceeded to tear down the house. His neighbors, men, women and children, 400 strong came to his assistance. In the resulting struggle, Generoso Garcia, the company agent was killed. The house was located in a Hacienda consisting of 1000 workers' shacks, all owned by the Macondray Company. The Hacienda is now surrounded by constabulary troops.

Actors On Hunger Strike In Warsaw

WARSAW, Poland, April 23.—Forty-seven local actors and actresses went on a hunger strike here demanding salaries overdue for several months. They quit work, and refused to leave the theater after a Sunday night performance.

Workers, Peasants Demand Soviet Rule In Philippines

SAN MIGUEL, BULACAN, P. I., April 8.—As an important part of the working class protest movement sweeping the Philippine Islands against the reactionary constitution being framed at Manila, a peasant congress assembled in this town last month. It was attended by more than 1000 peasant delegates representing every part of the Philippine Islands.

The program adopted by the congress had three main purposes: 1) To reject the reactionary constitution; 2) To establish a Soviet form of government; 3) To call an all Philippine general strike. The congress opened with a mass parade in which the peasants marched behind the red flag.

* Unity of Factory Workers.

Lazaro San Pedro, leader of the recent cigar strike at Manila, was one of the main speakers. Jesus Azarraga, farmer leader, spoke of the importance of unity between town workers and peasants and urged that rejection of the constitution should be followed by a general strike and the immediate establishment of Soviets.

Militant demonstrations throughout the Philippines have been protesting the framing of a reactionary government following the granting of Philippine independence within ten years. The demand for immediate independence has been coupled with the demand for a Soviet government. Conditions of poverty and exploitation have reached such bounds in the islands that the granting of independence in ten years and the framing of a new constitution were designed as ruling class measures to confuse the revolutionary spirit of the masses by fake measures of reform.

* Powerful Communist Party.

Unrest is cited as particularly acute in Rizal province where police claim to have the names of several thousand Communist Party members. In the towns of Marikina, Calocan, Navotas, Montalban, Mandaluyong, Malabon and San Juan, Communist Party strength is estimated by police at over 2000.

Soviet Singer Will Present Program

BELARSKY, NOTED BASSO, APPEARS AT SCOTTISH RITE, MAY 3

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Soviet Russia's greatest basso, Sidor Belarsky, will sing in San Francisco for the first time on Friday night, May 3, at Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Belarsky, recognized by American critics as having one of the finest voices in the world, received his training at the Leningrad Conservatory and later became leading basso for the Leningrad State Opera. Belarsky has sung to packed houses in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, where he was leading basso for several seasons with the Chicago Civic Opera Company.

Songs on the San Francisco program will include the best of the old classics, songs by the greatest composers of old Russia together with one written by the best Soviet composers of today. Besides Tschakowsky, Glinka, Rachmaninoff and Borodin, the older group will include Ippolitoff-Ivanoff, beloved old director of the Leningrad Conservatory who stayed in Russia during the revolutionary period and helped found the new school of Soviet singers. Tickets are obtainable at popular prices.

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German Anti-Fascist Front Wins Factory Elections

By Emmett Kirby

Nazi Candidates Beaten Again In Factory Council Polls—May Day Brings New Struggle—Chinese Red Army At Gates Of Szechwan Capital—Formosa Earthquake Kills Thousands of Workers

The bolder attitude and growing strength of the German workers against the impending war that Hitler is preparing was shown in the recent factory council elections.

While last year the workers voted fifty per cent against the Nazi candidates by scratching out their names and substituting the names of their own candidates, this year the early reports indicate that the percentage of defeat suffered by the Nazi "leaders" will be even greater.

This is particularly so in the war industries. On the incomplete reports, the rule seems to be the bigger the industry and factory the bigger the workers victory.

Though the elections were over last week, to date the Hitler official organs have refused to print a line about the results, although a great ballyhoo preceded the polls. Characteristic of the methods used to try to prevent workers voting the Nazi candidates as they did last year were the mass trials of Communists which were held in many parts as a means to intimidate the anti-fascist united front campaign led by the Communist Party.

As soon as a detailed report of the voting, factory by factory, reaches us, we will print it, but so far the most favorable results the Propaganda staff has been able to give out on a carefully selected list includes admissions of only seventy per cent of the votes going to the Nazis.

As was previously the case, a tremendous number of ballots were "spoiled" by having the name of Ernst Thaelmann written in them.

* May Day in Germany

May Day will mean to the German workers not only a day of

lightning demonstrations and street meetings in opposition to the attempt of the Nazis to enslave this workers international holiday into a mass shouting of "Heil Hitler!" It will be as well, or the evening previous to it will be a chance to further increase that vote just described.

A campaign is now under way for making the Nazi parades more impressive by having marching at their heads the (Nazi) "leaders", owners and managers, elected by a vote of confidence of their "followers" the workers.

In this new vote it is hoped to partially erase the recent defeat. And in it the anti-fascist united front will make a big demonstration by defeating again the various candidates, and "spoiling" ballots by inscribing them with the May First anti-fascist slogans.

* * * FORMOSA EARTHQUAKE TOLL

Though Japan's war budget of \$830,000,000, the biggest in its history is expected to go through without any serious hitch, little hope is expected for relief for the victims of the earthquake which rocked Formosa, south of the main islands of Nippon last Sunday.

The ghastly toll of the working class is one of the largest in recent history. At this writing 3209 dead have been reported and 9901 badly injured, for a first, incomplete poll of the island.

More than 20,000 lost their homes, and 14,500 buildings were demolished. Though earthquakes are acts of Nature, the class character of their dreadful results are always apparent.

The workers on the Formosan plantations live in the most miserable mud huts, almost all of which were levelled. Jerrybuilt school buildings fell, crushing an uncounted number of children. Though the hazards of fire, which goes with the paper houses of Japan proper was absent, the quake found great numbers asleep in their huts, doctored from the weeks work on the plantations. These were crushed as they slept while the "fortunate" ones who had to work Sunday managed to escape.

No serious relief has been given by the Japanese government to victims of these earthquakes, and in this case, so great is the starvation policy of the militarist government of Nippon, that only the most evasive gesture was made. And even this the local government is reported to have refused!

Aid, however, for the restoration of buildings of the native and foreign capitalists is expected to be rushed through.

* * * CHINESE RED ARMY PREPARES ATTACK ON CAPITAL

Last week, after completing a wide sweeping march carrying them through the northeast corner

of Yunnan province, the Red Army of China led by Commander in Chief Chu Teh and Gen. Mao Tse-Tung left the battle ground north of Kweichow victorious, and consolidating their rear marched to the north to attack the capital of the province they intend to make the new Central Chinese Soviet Republic, Szechwan.

At the same time from the north another Red Army, grown in its march along the northern route since its evacuation of the former capital area in Kiangsi, and joined with the Red Army of Szechwan, has crossed the Chialing River and threatens the capital from the north.

How soon these two forces, totalling more than 100,000 fully equipped Red Soldiers, will attack the Kuomintang defending forces at the capital can only be guessed at from this distance. All news despatches merely tell of the flight of Americans, missionaries, capitalists of one stripe or another, from Chengtu to the Yangtze River port of Chung Ling there to escape under the protection of American, French and British gunboats.

Whether a lull to rest the troops who have been fighting and marching for two weeks will first occur, or attack immediately launched remains to be seen. But there is little doubt that the Red Armies which have just beaten the Szechwan KMT forces, and won the entire 29th route Army to come over to their side, will continue victorious, and that the Red Flag so welcomed by the peasants and

workers of Szechwan will soon float over a new capital of a new Central Chinese Soviet Republic.

* * * FRANCE CONSCRIPTS 120,000 YOUTH

While Hitler's answer to the League of Nations Sunday did nothing toward covering up his continued campaign which is bringing the Nazi war machine to an army of one million and a half before conscription, on the other side of the Rhine, in France, the class of 1914 conscripts was enrolled Monday.

Mostly young workers, they are now twenty-one and many were not yet born when the Krupp guns were rolling toward Paris in 1914, destroying the homes and lives of countless Belgians and French workers and peasants.

From every part of France the 120,000 new recruits were herded to barracks for the eighteen ms. period of their enlistment.

In their ranks are many fresh from the working class struggles of the youth, and bring to the armed forces a radical background which will unquestionably have effect as events sharpen the world proletariats fight against imperialist war and fascism.

* * * CAN STARVING JAPAN DRINK COFFEE

Competition of Japan, in her attempt to get money with which to finance her intended attack on

Dockers Demand Kicking Out Of LASSCO Foreman

SAN DIEGO, April 25.—Local longshoremen are protesting the decision of special arbitrator Judge Eugene Daney, Sr., in refusing their dismissal demand against James Aspe, the Lassco foreman, for discriminating against them in giving out jobs.

Aspe's discriminations were getting so rank that the men refused to work under him and struck against unloading the Yale several weeks ago. It had to return to San Pedro with its cargo. This resulted in the company being temporarily forced to lay off Jimmy Aspe until the matter was taken up by the arbitrator.

One of the minor charges brought against Aspe by the stevedores was that he used excessive obscene language. So "ar-betray-or" Daney makes as much of this point as he can, trying to make off this was the most important charge, when really it is the charge of discrimination and favoritism.

The decision, which was handed down without the right to appeal, upholds the Waterfront Employers Association. They claim that dismissal of a foreman is entirely in their hands. P. H. Neary, secretary of local 38-39, in discussing "ar-betray-or" Daney's decision, said, "Owing to the fact that Daney had been handing down decisions for organized labor so long, it would be the height of folly to expect him to hand one down in favor of organized labor."

Anti-War Congress

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can Youth Congress / anti-war and Fascism, to be held next week, will seek the support of the delegates of the Pacific Coast meeting at its main session Sunday.

The program of the Congress as laid down by the Provisional Committee indicates the militant stand which will be adopted. Demands will be made that all war funds be given to the unemployed and delegates will be asked to "work toward the stopping of the manufacture and transport of munitions and all other materials essential to the conduct of War, through mass demonstrations, picketing and strikes."

Other points on the program are: "To oppose all developments leading to Fascism in this country and abroad, especially in Germany and other countries under Fascist dictatorships. . . . To win the armed forces to support of the program and to form committees of action against war and fascism in every important center and industry, particularly in the basic war industries."

The broad united front built around the Congress proves that the masses of people on the West Coast are fully alive to the dangers of war and fascism, particularly in this section.

The Pacific Coast Congress is being held under the auspices of the American League Against War and Fascism, a national organization involving scores of other organizations and individuals.

Communist Party delegates to the Congress itself are Anita Whitney, Sam Darcy, Elmer Hanoff, Violet Orr and Olita O'Connor. Sam Darcy will talk at the main session of the Congress.

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caravan of 145 delegates is leaving here to attend the Pacific Coast Congress Against War in San Francisco. This does not include the many other delegates who are leaving individually. Almost every section of the working-class and sympathetic elements are represented in these delegates who come from scores of different unions and organizations.

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MARINE FED.

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en vice president and F. W. Kelly of the San Francisco local of the Marine Engineers was named secretary in a battle between the supporters of rank and file control of the federation and the reactionary class collaboration clique. Both Kelly and Friedel are of the latter gang. Their candidate for president, Arthur Will was beaten.

Earlier in the day the Federation had voted overwhelmingly to support the strike of the oil tanker seamen even to the extent of taking a general strike vote of the locals of the six crafts up and down the coast. This move was decided on when word had come of the falling through of negotiations when the tanker operators absolutely refused to grant any of the demands of the strikers, as a means of giving solidarity to the fight of the union seamen for recognition and better conditions.

The convention of the Federation developed into a struggle to keep the reactionary officials who have for years dominated the sail or unions from trying to seize control of the Federation and turn it, not into a new stronger weapon for the struggles of the marine workers, but as a sell-out vehicle.

* Lindgreen Minority Report.

Through the betrayal by Friedel, Jamieson and Rehm of the Federation, Quinton of the Sailors Union and Kalin of the Cooks the Lindgreen minority report was adopted by a small margin of two votes. This clause would put power in the hands of the Executive Committee to suspend any officer, to call, conduct and end all strikes and third gives the small unions the same voting strength as the larger ones.

Through this scheme, backed by Scharenberg, Ryan, Diehl and Casey and, in fact, the shipowner who fear such a Federation controlled by the rank and file would be able to enforce their demand for a closed shop.

These three points mean that any official who works with the rank and file of the membership could be ousted by a reactionary majority on the Executive Committee without any vote of the members; that strikes, as in the past, where sailouts have occurred in the past would be in the hands of the officials and not the membership; and finally that craft unions—meaning those containing the officers—would have equal voting strength with the tens of thousands of longshoremen and sailors in their struggles.

* Clause to Correct.

Rank and file groups are calling for vote in the various locals demanding that an original clause be put into the constitution offering this attempt to give machine control, and which will include these points:

1.—That voting power of the unions be in accordance to membership strength.

2.—That only the vote of the whole membership of the unions on the Coast shall call, or terminate strikes, and that only rank and file elected committees have the power to negotiate and conduct strikes, and

3.—That officials once elected can only be suspended by the vote of the membership.

Crime For 2 Or More To Sit In Park In Havana

HAVANA, Cuba, April 20.—The following news item appeared in the Havana Post, April 17. This paper is printed in English for American residents. The item was buried on the back page:

"Secret Service agent yesterday arrested eight men that were sitting conversing on a bench in Aldama Park and lodged them in Principe Fortress, accusing them of breaking a recent law that does not permit groups of more than two persons. The prisoners protested they had not heard of the law."

S. F. Supervisors To Consider C. S. Repeal, Mon., 2 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Following a list of speakers who urged that the Board of Supervisors pass a resolution condemning the Criminal Syndicalism Law and urging the Passage of Assembly Bill 419, for the repeal of that law, the Welfare Committee of the Board this morning adopted a motion made by Supervisor Gallagher to the effect that the Committee is favorably inclined to have such a resolution passed, and setting 2:30 p. m. next Monday for an open hearing before the whole Board.

Speakers urging the passage of the resolution, in the order in which they spoke, are:

J. F. MacConnell, for the United Front Conference for the Repeal of the C. S. Law; George Wolff, president of the Sealer Union, ILLA; Lawrence Ross, San Francisco organizer of the Communist Party; Ben Legere, member of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Council; William McGee of the Utopian Society; Charles Gordon, district organizer of the ILLD; William Gallagher, executive chairman of the Democratic Council; J. Koranok member of the Epic Veterans.

Opponents of the Repeal Bill and of the resolution condemning the C. S. Law will also be invited to present their views.

All workers and sympathizers are urged to pack the Supervisors' Chambers next Monday at 2:30 p. m.

Illinois Senate To Investigate "Reds"

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 26.—The Illinois State senate has voted to investigate "red" and "subversive" teachings in Illinois schools. The action was induced by a letter written by a chain drug-store owner who was afraid his daughter might become perverted by propaganda by remaining at the University of Chicago, where, he claimed, the information given students was not first censored and sifted to suit his whims.

MAY DAY

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neighborhood rallies, a band and speakers organized for the march and demonstration. The United Front, comprising trade unions, fine groups, unemployed groups, Communist Party, liberal organization and many others, promises to rally one of the greatest May Day meets in the history of the city.

YOUNG PIONEERS RALLY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—The Young Pioneers will hold a May Day Rally in Golden Gate Park, Sunday, April 28, to prepare for the children's part in the May Day celebration. There will be games, music, and refreshments at the rally, to which all workers' children are invited.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—A mass rally for United Action against the Criminal Syndicalism Law and for the release of the eight Sacramento Prisoners in Dreamland Auditorium, will have a special dramatic feature in the stage presentation of "Labor on Trial" which will show court scenes from the recent C. S. trial in Sacramento. Prominent speakers and choral singing are also on the program.

The California State Conference for United Action Against the Criminal Syndicalism Act urges all workers and friends of labor to attend and give their support to this move. Admission is 10c, unemployed 1c.

The May Day Arrangements Committee has not arranged any evening meets so that all workers

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the arrangements committee to the City Council. Many individuals and representatives of workers organizations have been phoning and visiting the City Councilmen demanding that the Council grant the parade permit, and it is expected that the permit will finally be granted.

The march is scheduled to mobilize at Jefferson Park at 2 P. M., through the main streets of Oakland, and at the request of the PWUU locals will march by the Oakland SERA offices, and from there to the park before the Auditorium on Lake Merritt.

Immediately after the march the workers will proceed to Danish Hall where a mass rally and banquet will begin at 3 P. M.

CIVIC CENTER "DREAM HOUSE" IS BEYOND WORKER'S PURSE

Shack Worth \$3 Turned Into Model Home At Cost of \$5,216 to Boost Loan Business

A few months ago, an old worn-out shack from some Hooverville or Rooseveltburg was moved into Marshall Green, in San Francisco's costly civic center. Across the street from the Western Worker headquarters, the civic leaders were going to demonstrate that marvelous things could be done in the way of house-remodeling, with the aid of a loan of money from one of the New Deal's alphabetic agencies. When the transformation to a model home was completed, we decided to visit it, and learn what the Better Housing authorities could do for us.

With every step along the garden walk and through the "dream house", perky little thoughts about pretty places to live in pop into your head. The garage is on the street level. Upstairs are two bedrooms, a bath, spacious closets. The tricky automatic screen-window catches your eye. The dotted-swiss curtains really attract. So does the little ad tacked on the wall which prices the dear little curtains at only \$18.00. All the other fixins are as much out of reach.

Downstairs is the living room—banded in redwood, finely turned woodwork, cleverly made cabinets, a cozy alcove, a bright cheerful kitchen with all the latest gadgets—not a thing missing.

Gosh—maybe you could do something to your old shack after all. You ask the "hostess" a few questions. Of course you had seen the tumble-down mess which had been brought to the Civic Center for remodeling—and now

here is this lovely house.

"How much did it cost?" "As it is, with first class material and labor the remodeled house would cost \$5,216.00—I say would because all this has been donated for the Better Housing Campaign," explains the hostess.

That sounds like a lot of money, for remodeling. And the next question is "What would it cost to build a new one like this?" "Oh, from \$2000 up. But of course everyone wouldn't want to have first class materials as in this model, and so you could build a new house similar to this for much less than \$5216."

Something tells us we wouldn't mind having first class materials but we couldn't afford them. However, we then remembered this wasn't supposed to be a new house but an example of what Mr. John Citizen could do if he listened to the advice of the Better Housing authorities. So we venture the next question, "We don't understand, exactly. This isn't a new house but a remodeled one—didn't the original house have some value?"

"Oh, my dear—just between you and me, you know, that original shack wasn't worth more than \$3.00. If there is anything else I could tell you, I'd be only too glad."

Lady, you have told us plenty: You and the signboards and tads stuck up here and there that "dream house" have puffed our dreams. You have shown quite clearly that the whole Federal Housing plan is just another advertising scheme for big business.

"Dynamite" Plot

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be helping officers look for a cache of 75 sticks of dynamite according to the capitalist press. His actual whereabouts are not known as present.

* "Red Plot" Maneuver.

An attempt to add another frameup to California's labor history in the present fantastic affair is seen in the announcement in the San Francisco Chronicle of April 24 that: "Definite information that the dynamite plot against Standard Oil Company property . . . was inspired by Communists working in the background, was declared discovered yesterday by Stanislaus county officials."

The source of the officials' "information" was not given in this statement which so completely ignores the fact that the Communist Party, at all times and under all circumstances is unalterably opposed to any and all acts of terrorism and destruction.

The strike committee's statement further pointed out that the usual procedure in such frameups is, first to widely publicize a reported loss of dynamite, and then a week or so later a car containing strikers and the supposedly missing dynamite is caught by hired deputies of the companies against which the men are striking, together with regular police officers.

GALLUP

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Complaint was also made to Judge Otero who declared such thing had never before been done in his court. At the afternoon session, following the dismissal of all charges against Victor Campoz, the judge announced that no further arrests were to be made in his court or anywhere inside the building. Campoz immediately left for the home of a San Francisco and until late tonight had not been molested.

A protest has been sent to Secretary of Labor Perkins.

* Fake Evidence.

Proceedings of the hearing were featured today by efforts of the prosecution to introduce as evidence an old piece of iron which they alleged was an improvised dagger. This object was said to have been found by a 12-year-old boy in a trash littered alley some time after the killings occurred. The court refused to accept this irrelevant piece of junk as an exhibit.

A wooden club said to have been found in the neighborhood after the disturbance, was also introduced.

The clothing of Sheriff Carmichael, one of the men killed, was brought into the court and examined. The clothing of the two murdered workers, however, was not produced.

SERA Seamstresses "Support" Families On \$36 Per Month

By an SERA Seamstress
SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 29.—I am working on the SERA sewing project at 3110 Madison Ave., on the last period. We have about 60 women seamstresses and a handyman who looks after the sewing machines and sweeps the floor, etc., working here. About half of these are skilled workers. We skilled workers get 60c per hour. I get 60 cents. I have been cutting blocks for quilts from scraps of outing flannel for the last three days. I only get 16 hours a week. Later have had two more hours a week given me. Sixty-six hours a month to support my minor son and myself. This is not enough. It seems to me that we SERA workers should by all means form a union. We never had as good an opportunity.

Radio Operator, Crew Win Strike Demands

LONGVIEW, Wash., April 26.—A five day strike of the radio operator and later of the crew of the Weyerhaeuser freighter, Hanley, ended successfully when the company agreed to all the demands of the strikers. The crew won an increase of five dollars a month and the radio operator gained an increase of \$35 a month. The settlement was reached at a meeting between officials of the Weyerhaeuser Lumber Co. and representatives of the American Telegraphers Association and International Seamen's Union.

500 Are Killed In Persia Earthquake

BAGDAD, Iraq, April 23.—More than 500 were killed in a series of earthquakes in the Mazandaran province, Persia yesterday. The striking class were, as is usual in these catastrophes, the hardest hit, when the flimsy structure they live in gave way under the embolisms. Fire spread through the affected areas wiping out homes. More than 480 bodies of the victims have so far been recovered.

MOONEY

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In the commutation of sentence method. The motion came after assemblyman James Brennan, as assistant attorney who helped to end Billings to San Quentin, had introduced a resolution demanding Mooney's and Billings' freedom by commutation of sentence. The Assembly's action in no way was based upon the fact that Mooney and Billings are innocent, but came only after a heated debate in which the chief argument for Mooney was that "his release would remove one 'motive' for the radicals to continue their cause."

Brennan apologized for the witnesses against Tom Mooney who perjured themselves in doing the dirty work of persons for the infamous frameup by saying they were unreliable because of "the heat of excitement that descends upon a city following a great catastrophe." He denied that Mooney had been framed.

Should Merriam decide to follow the Assembly's advice and commute the sentence of the prisoners it would mean that both would be forced to leave San Quentin but would in no way effect the State's contention that they are guilty of the charge upon which they are framed.

Anti-Labor Bills

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night as Communist Party representatives fought for the right to speak against the "anti-bills" under consideration and expose their attempt to outlaw militant organized labor in California.

While Lyon banded his gavel, sergeants at arms threatened Walter Lambert and Emmet Kirby who were speaking despite the gag rule, and Archie Brown, who had come to the assembly as a delegation of three from the Communist Party.

At the hearing a week ago Lyon refused to permit the Party representatives to speak, and earlier yesterday afternoon in his office he tried to throw the delegation off the track by declaring the bills—A, B, 105, 106 and 107—would not come up.

* Forced Out of Small Chambers. When time came for the meeting, the Judiciary Committee rooms were so overcrowded with Sacramento workers, a delegation of students, and professors from U. C. that the committee had to move the meeting to the Assembly chambers.

There a long list of minor bills was debated while the packed gallery waited for the hearing they had come for.

Finally Redwine, leading the fight for the three bills, against mass protest which has come from all over the state, took the microphone, and declaring the bills as amended should go to the printers, and that there should be no further discussion.

Lyon immediately picked up the gag he offered, for Walter Lambert was demanding the right to speak for the Party.

* Move to Kill Bills.

While several voices tried to drown Lambert and the sergeant at arms rushed at him, Communist Jones threw a bombshell into the proceedings by moving the bills be killed.

An immediate second was heard. Into the moment of silence rushed Anne Hawkins, heading the delegation of U. C. students, who asked that opponents of the bill be allowed to speak. She was put off while the vote was taken. Roll call showed five for defeating the bills then, and thirteen for considering them later when amended.

Immediately Emmet Kirby leaped to the floor demanding in the name of the Communist Party and the working-class of California it leads that their voice, which had previously been denied, was again being gagged by given a hearing now or at Monday's meeting. While Lyon banded his gavel declaring he would hear no Communists, a sergeant at arms grabbed Kirby to eject him.

* Send Protests!

The hearing next Monday night when the Judiciary Committee will vote on the bills, must be turned into a protest against these bills. Workers from Sacramento and nearby are urged to fill the Committee rooms and the corridors, and all labor and workers' organizations are urged to send delegations to present protests against this attempt to break organized labor. A flood of resolutions from individuals and organizations must be sent to Chairman Lyon and other members of the Judiciary Committee demanding defeat of the bills.

Locked-Out Strikers Ordered Re-instated

SANGERVILLE, Me., April 26.—A large number of workers of the Old Town Woolen Co. here went on strike last September, and were not taken back under the agreement ending the strike. Finally the Labor Relations Board has ordered the company to give them back their former jobs. In view of the almost universal disregard of the Labor Relations Board's decisions, the men will wait another seven months to get their jobs back.

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ANTI-WAR MASS MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 28, at 8:00 p. m. Building Trades Temple, 200 Guerrero st. Speakers include: Waldo McNutt, organizer of the American League Against War and Fascism, State Assemblyman Paul Richie, George Castleman, Council Marine Crafts, Major Lawrence Milner, Northwest Congress Against War and Fascism, Ben Legere, S. F. Democratic Council, Rev. Herriek Lane, and Anita Whitney, Communist Party.

WORKERS' SCHOOL OPEN FORUM—Speaker, Jerry Feingold. Subject: Traditions of May Day. 463 Hayes street, Sunday, April 28, at 8 p. m. Admission Free.

ENTERTAINMENT AND SHOW Given by the A. F. L. Rank and File Group of the Culinary Union (for the support of Press and Literature), Sunday, April 28, at 8 p. m., at the Galileo Club, 779 Vallejo st. Admission 15c. (Take F car or Powell to Vallejo).

Oakland

WORKERS BOOK SHOP—moved from 420 Tenth st. to 567 Twelfth st., Oakland Working Class Literature.

OAKLAND MAY DAY CELEBRATION—Lay down your tools and come out to celebrate with the United Front, 3:00 p. m., Danish Hall, 164 Eleventh street will be the concentration point for a May Day mass meeting. The program will include speakers, banquet, entertainment, mass singing and dancing. BE THERE AND DEMONSTRATE.

THE ANNUAL WORKERS' PICNIC will be held May 12th at the Elmhurst Gardens Park, 81st Ave., South of East Fourteenth Street. A variety of contest games, skits and speeches will supply amusement for all. Featuring the picnic will be PRIZE DANCING. Delicious sandwiches, salads and refreshments will be served.

Los Angeles

MAY 1—Huge Mass Meeting and Concert, Eve of May 1, Mason Opera House. Auspices Communist Party.

Workers forum, 230 S. Spring St., L. A. Every Sunday night—8 p.m. Admission ten cents.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL MAY Picnic will be held Sunday, April 28, at Palm Grove Canyon, San Pedro. Mass Organizations do not arrange conflicting affairs. Complete program of entertainment, speeches, etc., will be announced later.

I. L. D. PICNIC, Sunday, May 19, at Whitingwoods in La Cienita. Dancing, sports, program and meals. Admission 25c. Do not arrange conflicting affairs.

WORKERS FORUM, 230 So. Spring st., Los Angeles. Sunday, May 5, at 8:00 p. m. Sue Adams, member Dist. Bureau, Denver, I. L. D. "The Gallup Frame-Up," by an eye witness at the trials.

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(S. F. Council, Dem. Party)

SPECIAL FEATURE

Auspices: California State Conference for United Action Against the Criminal Syndicalism Act, 214 Grant Bldg., San Francisco.

'Labor On Trial'

Actual Scenes From The Sacramento Trial



By Terry Casey.

Trust the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce not to be silent long. Their answer to the Dionne quint is a newscast shot of a dog with eighteen pups!

PRIZE MOVIE SHOT

The best newscast shot since Calvin Coolidge wore his cowboy pants and boots and nearly fell on a stairway is now going the rounds. It shows a highly censored tour through a part of Kiangsi province in China formerly under the Central Soviet Republic and retaken by Chiang Kai Shek after the Red Army left for Szechwan. The newspaper boys are shown escorted through a drill ground where five and six year old children parade, handle a few skulls that have been carefully selected for them, and listen to a lot of speeches.

The expression on the face of one of the correspondents is of amusement. He appears to be thinking "I wonder if I laughed out loud, would it get by the censors." And just as he starts—the film is cut.

The commentator of the reel calls the item China's New Deal, as the camera shows thousands of workers digging a levee. But it goes Roosevelt one better. In the U. S. spades are used. Chiang Kai Shek has the boys—and girls—using 16x and six inch hoes!

It is now a race between them to see who will adopt table spoons for digging first.

Shanghai despatches tell of two plucky nurses who have stayed in Chengtu, Szechwan capital now besieged by two red armies. They are said to be "braving torture and death at the hands of the Chinese rebels."

"I'll bet anyone 100 to 1 that if they will continue to stick they'll be given medals by the Red Army and offered the superintendent ship of the hospital."

OLD BUT STILL GOOD

A youngster in a Nazi school brought an original poem to school to recite:

Our cat has just had kittens,
Seven there are in all;
Six of them are good Nazis,
The last is National.

The teacher praised him, and a few days later when the inspector of Schools was making his rounds, called the lad to recite the poem again.

This time the boy recited:
"Our cat has just had kittens,
Seven there are in all;
Six of them are Communists,
And all are radical!"

The astounded teacher boxed the young poet's ears and scolded. "Two days ago you said the poem differently, you rascal!"

"Ah, yes Herr teacher," said the boy. "But there you see—in the meantime the kittens' eyes have opened."

Some time ago a man was arrested in San Diego and charged with forging two \$10 checks. This man developed a severe case of arthritis. So severe that the police authorities were forced to take him to the county hospital, where he has been sick in bed, unable to walk. Despite this fact, this man has been guarded night and day by the police. To date the cost of keeping him over that man who cannot even walk yet, totals \$450!

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN

"Education is the basic cure for unemployment."

—D. A. Polig, Pres. World's Christian Endeavor

On the other hand, a few jobs would help, too.

1000 Mine Strikers Marching 300 Miles To Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, April 24.—Marching through the mountains the 330 miles from the mines at Ahualulco, State of Jalisco, to Mexico City, more than 1000 striking miners are going to put their demands before the Federal government. The men, workers from the American owned copper mines in Jalisco, have been unable to get any hearing from the state officials, who are in the pay of the mine owners, it is reported.

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Navy Maneuvers Begin Sunday In Pacific**BIGGEST BATTLE FLEET EVER ASSEMBLED TO TRAIN FOR 30 DAYS**

LOS ANGELES, April 25.—The biggest battle fleet, of surface ships, submarines and air force that the United States has ever assembled will leave San Pedro Sunday for a month's intensive training in the North Pacific.

The center of attention will be the Fleet Problem No. 16, whose basic content of coordination of air and surface craft both offensively and defensively. Never before has it been tried so extensively as now, when 150 warships and 470 planes range over five million square miles of ocean in the triangle bounded by the Hawaiian Islands, the Aleutian Island arm of Alaska, and west to Wake Island, on 167th meridian—less than 200 miles from the Japanese fortified Marshall Islands and within 500 miles of the Japanese mainland and the coast of the Soviet Union.

Though these are patriotically called "defensive" maneuvers, their closeness to the Siberian and Japanese shores coupled with the present setting of new airbases at Midway, Wake, Sand, and Johnson Islands and at Guam, the enlarging of the air base at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu and at Manila, show their real character of testing attack possibilities on Asia.

From the four airplane carriers over 150 more planes than ever before will be launched in the preparations. Included will be some of the new "flying warships," now being rushed through secretly at Douglas Aircraft plant, Santa Monica. It is reported a score of these ships, which carry cannon firing explosive shells, and bristling with machine guns and bomb racks are being hurried to completion.

While the maneuvers are going on, in the Halls of Congress at Washington the biggest budget of war preparations that the Roosevelt-Wall Street administration has yet attempted will be brought forward. While deaf ears are turned to the demands of the unemployed for real insurance and relief, \$875,000,000 is proposed be spent for war preparations, with other additional hundreds of millions sneaked through under the guise of relief work.

Sohkanen, Finnish Worker Freed on Bail After 4½ Months

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—After four months and seventeen days on Angel Island fighting deportation proceedings, the Immigration Department Otto Sohkanen has been released on bail furnished by the International Labor Defense. His case will probably be brought to trial some time in May.

Sohkanen was seized by Immigration officials on December 6 on assorted charges of illegal entry, possession of Communist literature and advocating overthrow of the Government, after he had become prominent in the working class movement among the Finnish people of the west coast. The illegal entry charge was based on the fact that he is a seaman unable to ship out after the depression "put him on the bench" in this country.

Clipper Plane Back From War Dept. Pacific Test Cruise

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—The Pan-American Clipper ship, liner air liner capable of carrying either passengers or bombs in huge quantity, reached this city today completing its return trip from Honolulu. The trip was undertaken to plot the course for the first leg of the Pacific Air Lines which will connect the U. S. mainland with its imperialist outposts in the Pacific, and bring closer communication with the area of American imperialist investment in China.

Under the guise of pioneering commercial aviation, the Clipper will later make the full trip touching at the points on Midway, Wake, Johnson, and Sand Islands, and Guam where airbases are now being prepared by a large crew of men from the S. S. North Haven. A big fleet of twenty planes, ready transferable into bombers, is being planned for this route.

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Wm. Sherwood, long a member of the Socialist Party was recently kicked out of the Glendale local by reactionary leaders on the false excuse that he tried to run for office without asking their endorsement. Sherwood, one of the militants in the local, had previously urged acceptance of the Communist Party's offer of a united front of struggle.

WHITE COLLAR WORKERS FIGHT DISMISSALS**BOSS FINNEY INSTITUTES SPEEDUP WHEN MEN HALT DISMISSALS**

By An Office Worker

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—I wish to bring to the attention of the public the deplorable working conditions of the office workers at the 901 Potrero Street Project, making out Form 144 for the Federal Survey of S.F.R.A. workers on different projects for purposes of reclassification.

When the project was first started the workers had to learn how to make out Form 144. This took a couple of days. They questioned those in charge about making out the form but their questions never were satisfactorily answered.

*** Hire Friends**

After the second day in the field, Mr. Finney, who is in charge, decided there were some friends of his whom he wanted to appoint so he laid off about six men and read in the presence of all, the names of about a dozen more whom he was placing on probation.

When the men he laid off asked for an explanation he said their work had been "unsatisfactory" but when they asked him to show them their reports he said he did "not have to." They took the matter up with Mr. Meera, who is over Finney. Then Finney proceeded to read the reports and all he could do was to show they had written the word "none" where Finney claimed there should have been a dash, and a dash had been written where the word "none" should have been.

*** Back to Work**

This was found to be insufficient ground for dismissal and when the men were reinstated Finney started a terrific speedup, urging his managers to beat down on the workers. Every day since then working hours have been increased. At first the workers were turning in about ten or twelve reports per day—now they are turning in about six times that many. Finney sends men out on projects where they can't turn in many reports and then they are reprimanded for not turning in enough reports.

About eight of the original crew have been fired or have quit, disgusted at being driven long hours and being told daily about the omission of dashes and dots etc. It is a known fact that some of Finney's stool pigeons who actually have made errors daily, are kept on. It has been said that about two and one half months were allotted originally to complete the project, but Finney boasts he can force the workers to finish it in thirty days.

Lodi Police Try To Break Strike Of Warehousemen

LODI, Calif., April 24.—Mobilization of police to aid the bringing in of scabs to replace striking warehousemen here was yesterday met with a militant picket line of the strikers. Seventy scabs had been brought in from Stockton to take the jobs of the 100 strikers, escorted in at dawn by a cordon of police. Emergency mobilization of the entire police force augmented by special deputies is being held to prevent further mass picketing.

ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

By Anita Whitney.

The cause of the workers is one. Do you doubt it? Then read these extracts from a letter received by our District office from the International Labor Defense, Sydney, New South Wales. "We are enclosing a report of a protest meeting, which we called against the framing of the 18 Sacramento workers, in the Sydney Domain on Sunday last. We intend to bring this matter before the industrial unions and have further protests sent. We would be glad to receive latest information in regard to the campaign for Tom Mooney's release. The workers of this country are tremendously interested in the Mooney case."

Word has come from the National office of the I. L. D. that it is sending the lawyer, David Levinson, to Santa Fe, New Mexico, to aid the Gallup Defense Committee in its defense of the framed-up miners and unemployed there.

*** Local Cases.**

The cases of Bradley and Gilbert, arrested March 16 in Dolores Park and charged with "disturbing the peace and failure to move on," came up before Judge Ames on the 17th and were dismissed on statement of arresting officers that they did not have sufficient evidence to convict before a jury.

The cases of Rothstein, Feingold, Gohert, Tiensturi, and Mulhally, arrested March 3 at Mission Park for "disturbing the peace," and the cases of Ames, Lewis, and Melvin Edward, also arrested March 3 for going from house to house with the Western Worker, were postponed on motion of the prosecution to May 7. Judge Lazarus!

**AT THE MOVIES**

By Walter Gardner

SOVIET FILMS FOR S. F.

We hear that among the advance bookings of the City-International's foreign films are twelve Soviet feature pictures, the playing date for the first, "Song of Happiness," to be soon announced.

"Song of Happiness" will give the best workout yet to the propaganda hunters. It would take a high-powered microscope to find any "propaganda" in this movie. In fact, as a social document it's very much of a lightweight, being made on the American model with two young people in love. The boy's life, from reformatory to prize musician, is a Socialist success story.

CAGNEY PAYS—AND PAYS

Jimmy Cagney is one of the very few actors who can take an objectionable characterization in a very objectionable story and sometimes make it entertaining. He couldn't do very much with the militarist propaganda film "Devil Dogs of the Air" (hooray) but he'll have a better chance with the present "G Man."

"G Man" symbolizes the national campaign for respect for authority (read: against thinking). It finds Jimmy no longer the gay gangster, he's on the side of the law and order as an agent of the U. S. Department of Justice, a "G" man. Now—what will McAllister say?

Both Los Angeles and San Francisco will be simultaneously treated to this noble example of good government. Well, it might be worse. They might have made Cagney one of the numerous "G" men now working as labor spies in the two cities, as reported by the local press.

CHRISTIAN CULTURE IN L. A.

Ad. in last Saturday Times: To accommodate those who wish to stay up all night for the sunrise (Easter) service at Hollywood Bowl... Special Midnight Matinee... The Monster Wants a Bride... Karloff in the Bride of Frankenstein.

MAY-DAY CELEBRATION

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Elaine Black

She goes on trial May 7, with Leo Gallagher and others, for a free speech fight in Dolores Park in San Francisco, on March 1.

Oak'd Mass Meet In Auditorium For Mooney Freedom

APRIL 28 RALLY WILL HAVE LABOR SPEAKERS, MOVIE HISTORY OF CASE

OAKLAND, Calif., April 26.—As Tom Mooney's latest move for freedom goes before courts and juries alike, and while Wm. Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, again refuses financial aid of the top leadership of the A. F. of L. to Mooney's defense fund, East Bay workers are making final arrangements for a "Free Tom Mooney" rally.

On Sunday, April 24, at 2:00 p. m. workers and sympathizers of Mooney will gather at a mass meet in the City Auditorium to be addressed by speakers from the Central Labor and Building Trades Councils, numerous labor union locals, the Communist Party and liberal organizations.

The film "The Strange Case of Tom Mooney" will be a feature on the program, portraying the entire case from the Preparedness Day bombing, through the frame-up and trial and Tom's years of imprisonment down to today. An introduction to film by Theodore Dreiser states the attitude of liberals and points out the salient features of the Mooney case.

Admission is free and all are urged to come early with their friends.

Appeal of Todd Petition Case Set For May 23

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Appeal on the case of Louise Todd, who was convicted on a fake charge of perjury, will come up on May 23rd in the First Division of the District Court of Appeals, State Building, San Francisco. The International Labor Defense urges all organizations and individuals to send protests against this attempted railroad. Comrade Todd was arrested in connection with securing signatures to place the Communist Party on the ballot. Her trial is an outgrowth of the efforts of the Industrial Association, the Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion to remove the Communist Party from the ballot.

Trial for Anita Whitney on a similar charge is set for May 1 in Superior Judge Harris' court in the Hall of Justice, at 10 a. m. Send protests to Harris and demand dismissal of the indictment against Comrade Whitney and six other workers.

Next Issue—Review of Jimmie Cagney's "G Men."

WORKER "ALLOWED" TO COMMIT SUICIDE AS LAW REFUSES AID

Police, Sheriff Pretend Help; But "Can't" Because Red Tape Prevents It

PISMO BEACH, April 26.—George Pethas, a cook at the Lucky Spot Cafe, was in very poor health, and the doctor told him to have all his teeth pulled. He did. But the condition of his health was so impaired that he had a nervous breakdown.

For months he had voiced his opinions of the conditions of the workers, of his native country, Greece, and the effects of world wide depression. Worrying over his condition physically, and things in general, he said, "What's the use of living in such a world as this?"

He quit his job, since he was too sick to work longer. He walked up the beach, stopping to rest on a promontory point. His friends saw him, and asked him to let them take him to a hospital. The acres that had stopped along the road attracted others and finally there were about fifty stopped there. The traffic cop seeing the attraction stopped also, and taunted him, daring him to

jump off the bank. He told them: "Go away. I'm not crazy. A man can't even die in peace in this damn world."

His friends had him come back to Pismo Beach to his room. He agreed to go to San Luis Obispo to the hospital. But he had no money. Then Sheriff Haskins and Constable Dick Ellis agreed to take him to the hospital and see that he was taken care of.

Arriving there he was told that unless someone swore out a warrant that he was a menace to society—that he was insane—they could not take him into the hospital without money.

He was brought back to his room by the sheriff.

The last his friends heard of him was when someone found his coat on the beach, and a message written on the back of a letter:

"I am going West. What's the use of living in such a world as this?"

They haven't found his body. He walked out into the water and swam to sea.

Warehousemen In Alameda Strike for Union Recognition

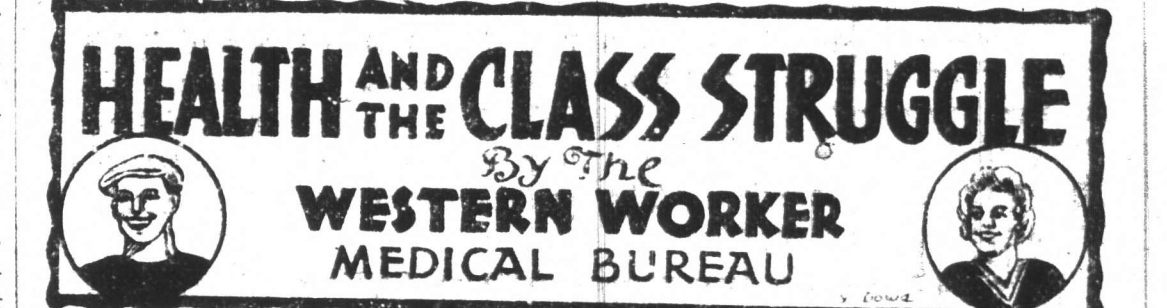
ALAMEDA, Calif., April 26.—The International Longshoremen's Association, Warehousemen's local No. 38-34 is picketing the Cal-Pack warehouse in Alameda in a strike for recognition of their union. Though there are a number of scabs at work the pickets have been successful in keeping most of them out.

The local has passed a resolution asking for a boycott of De Monte products until their union is recognized by the company.

Oak'd Auto Workers Form Union After Vote to Join A. F. L.

OAKLAND, Calif., April 26.—Organization of the union of the workers in the Chevrolet plant at 73rd Ave. and Foothill Blvd. is going ahead rapidly, following their overwhelming vote to affiliate with the A. F. of L. in an election April 16.

200 of them attended an enthusiastic mass meeting in Carpenter's Hall on April 19 where organizational details were moved to completion of a union.



One field in which the domination of the capitalist class is glaringly disastrous is that of medicine, especially when the capitalist state takes the notion to pass laws on sterilization, contraception, abortion, etc. Such laws, based on ancient superstitions and prejudices are frightful weapons against "enemies" and victims of capitalist society.

STERILIZATION AND CLASS RULE

Sterilization in a man is an operation whereby the seminal ducts are divided so that the semen cannot be carried from the glands. He thus cannot render his partner pregnant. His sex glands still secrete into the blood stream and he retains his so-called secondary sexual characteristics. These are his potency, his deep voice, the manner of his hair distribution, etc. This is in contrast to a person who has been castrated, and loses these characteristics.

Similarly, sterilization in a woman ties off the tubes so that the eggs cannot reach the uterus, but she retains her glands which continue to secrete into the blood.

CONTRA COSTA-EXAMPLE

Economically, there are two general types of sterilization: bourgeois and proletarian. An example of the use to which this operation is put under bourgeois rule was recently shown us in Contra Costa County. The charities supervisor forced women on relief to be sterilized or be put off the relief rolls. The physicians at the county hospital who performed the operations, true lackeys of Standard Oil, tried to white-wash the affair by claiming that "sterilization" in the hospital records meant "sterilization of the throat." Any physician who has so little self-respect as to try to defend Standard Oil politicians in this ridiculous manner must have a very weak character; for every first-year medical student knows that to "sterilize" a throat would be as difficult as trying to sterilize the city sewer. Physicians just don't use such a term in connection with the throat.

The operation is used in Nazi-Germany on anti-fascists as a punishment for their activities. The law which gives the Nazis courts the "right" to do this is supposed to have been originated in order to "improve the race" by sterilizing all hereditary insane and mentally deficient. It is worded so broadly that anyone whom the Nazis dislike can be included in these classifications. According to the Nazis, anyone that isn't constantly clicking his heels and yelling "Heil!" or who believes that workers should have higher wages is mentally deficient. Using this as a pretext, these fiends have sterilized thousands of the best proletarian fighters, both men and women. This is a real torture, as it breaks up homes and frustrates one of the strongest instincts in human beings, the desire to have children.

RIDICULOUS LAWS

As we see, the bourgeoisie uses every weapon it can lay its hands on in order to maintain its class rule. We refer not only to sterilization but also to abortion and laws against it. It seems to have come to such a situation that if a person wants to have children, he is prevented through sterilization. And if a woman doesn't want to have a child, she is forced to by the anti-abortion laws.

Similar laws on sterilization of the unfit are in existence in Soviet Russia. But it makes all the difference in the world which class applies the law. In bourgeois countries it is used against proletarians, but under the rule of the proletariat, it is actually used to improve the race and for that purpose alone.

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THE CLIPPER FLIES TO WAR

The flight of the Clipper plane to Hawaii is America's bid for Imperialist power in the Orient. It is the challenge of American capitalism to Japan and competing European powers. It is a bold announcement that American interests not only refuse to relinquish their exploiting interests in China, but intend to compete in the armed struggle for power which is shaping in the East.

The flight of the Clipper is incidental to the establishment of a trans-Pacific air-line which proposes to begin service sometime this year. The commercial value of this line is so questionable that it will have to be supported by government subsidies. Its value as a war measure is plain.

TO BUILD AIR BASES IN THE PACIFIC

It brings the Orient closer to the Pacific Coast. It involves the establishment of airbases along the whole route—bases which would be essential in a war. It involves the development and maintenance of high powered transport planes.

The importance of air power in the coming Imperialist struggle in the Orient is evidenced by the fact that Britain is constructing vast airbases at both Hong Kong and Singapore. France is building another at Hanoi. A million dollar factory is being constructed (under foreign subsidy) at Canton, which will turn out 20 planes per day. Japan has placed huge orders for Zeppelins with Germany, under the guise of establishing a Commercial Line.

The U. S. makes her own bid by establishment of the trans-Pacific line, by increasing her naval air forces on the Pacific Coast by 130 planes, by the largest naval maneuvers in American history to be held during May, in which air forces will play a major part.

DRAWING COMMERCIAL LINES INTO WAR SERVICE

Bills are now before Congress calling for the induction of all transport pilots into the air reserves and for the establishment of land and sea airforces as separate divisions, operating independent of other branches.

This last is evidence of the growing self-sufficiency of air forces as a war machine.

Germany, it will be remembered, completely re-constructed her military air force under the pretence of "commercial development."

The trans-Pacific line was projected after a survey made by Senator McAdoo and the Senate has added \$2,000,000 to the \$7,000,000 Post Office appropriation in order to assure its completion.

EARTHQUAKES AND ECONOMICS

Two major earthquakes are reported in April. In Formosa the death toll is well over 3000. Homeless refugees number 250,000.

In Persia 500 are reported killed in a quake.

Earthquakes are not traceable to the economic greed of the ruling class. However, a large proportion of the death, misery and destruction is.

Whenever the violence of nature strikes, it is the poor it hits first and hardest. In the matter of earthquakes, they live crowded in the narrowest quarters and inhabit the cheapest buildings. When fires rage in cities they blaze highest among the wooden tenements of the workers. The wealthy never freeze to death in the streets during winter.

During the quake that shook Southern California in 1933, the movie actors of Hollywood fled in airplanes. The poor remained to witness an extraordinary sight. Half of Long Beach had collapsed in wreckage. But the fact that these buildings collapsed burying beneath them the dead bodies of hundreds of workers, was not entirely owing to the quake. Some buildings remained standing intact while the buildings on both sides of them fell in complete wreckage. The men and women who died beneath those timbers were murdered, not by "forces of nature," but by the greed and graft that went into the construction of the city.

PERHAPS WORSE DISASTER NEXT YEAR

As a consequence, the dust storms of this year reached the proportions of a major catastrophe. In view of the continued policies of the administration, we may look for still more serious results in 1936.

The capitalist system, in the course of its early development, changed America from a wilderness to fertile farm lands. In its present breakdown, we now see its disintegration from fertility to desert.

Unable to plan, the capitalist system is as helpless to cope with the forces of nature as it is with economic problems. Its efforts are not toward facing and solving these problems but toward preserving, at all costs, the system of private ownership and exploitation. Any plan that would meet the problems either of economics or concerning the preservation and development of resources, would, of necessity, make inroads on the capitalist system.

THE C. C. C. MAKES KILLERS

The lying government and newspaper propaganda assuring a doubting public that the C. C. C. camps are no more than healthful recreation camps for America's unemployed youth, is very bluntly refuted by the following statement appearing in the April 13th issue of the Army and Navy Journal, published in Washington, D. C.:

"The number of C. C. C. camps is to be increased from 1431 to 2916, with an ultimate strength of 700,000. This will provide excellent opportunities for reserve corps officer training as well as extended management by the Regular Army. It is easy to predict, in the light of experience, that the job will be well done."

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Down Tools May 1



How Lundeen Bill Stands Now In Congress and Nation

By Herbert Benjamin
Executive Secretary, National Joint Action Committee for Genuine Unemployment Insurance

The results of the vote on the (Lundeen) Workers' Unemployment, Old Age and Social Insurance Bill versus the Administration measure partially reflects the great advance that has been made in the mass movement for genuine unemployment and social insurance.

Numerous tests recently made have shown beyond a doubt that the great masses who recognize the need for social and unemployment insurance are, in the overwhelming majority, convinced that the workers bill is the only measure that deserves their support. This was demonstrated, for example, by the poll recently conducted in a New York newspaper. Eighty-seven per cent of those participating in that poll supported H. R. 2827.

That only fifty-two Congressmen voted in support of H. R. 2827 in the House of Representatives, is a reflection, not upon the intelligence of the masses, but upon Congress itself. It provides further indisputable proof that Congress does not represent the will of the great majority of the people but represents the will of the bankers and other big business elements, who control Congress through the Roosevelt administration.

The masses who feel the need for genuine social and unemployment insurance can derive a great deal of encouragement as well as

some very important lessons from the vote in the House of Representatives. The very fact that even the Congressmen who voted for H. R. 2827 finally capitulated to the administration and gave their support to the administration in its attempt to evade the obligation and promises to establish unemployment and social insurance, is proof of the effectiveness of mass pressure. It shows that even though they voted for the Workers' Bill, they did so not out of conviction, but in response to pressure.

The weakness of the supporting fight in Congress is due to the fact that the movement has not yet reflected in election campaigns the same degree of consciousness and determination which is expressed in the day to day fight for the Workers' Bill. If this were not the case, the workers would have elected to Congress men and women from their own ranks, who have proven beyond a doubt that they not only want genuine social insurance, but know how to fight for it. With even a few such fighters in the House of Representatives, the widespread resentment against the administration bill would have found clear expression. It would then be possible to rally around such a firm fighting group even the weak and vacillating elements upon whom the workers have up to now been dependent.

Clearly this points to the need for greater unification of the fighting forces in independent political action. The movement for the

development of a mass Labor Party, which will have as one of its central demands the immediate enactment of the Workers' Bill, should therefore be greatly stimulated in consequence of the experiences with the unreliable capitalist party politicians, upon whom the workers have had to depend for support in Congress.

* To Force Through Petition

The immediate task is to intensify the efforts to obtain consideration by Congress of H. R. 2827. This means, concretely, that a rigorous campaign must be undertaken to force 218 Congressmen to sign the Lundeen motion to "discharge the House Rules Committee from further consideration of H. R. 2827."

Progress that has been made thus far will serve to further the struggle that is necessary. The activities that have been conducted up to now, must be multiplied. New millions of copies of the bill should be distributed as well as copies of the House Labor Committee report on H. R. 2827. This will not only serve to acquaint the large masses with the facts about and arguments in favor of the Workers' Bill; it will also provide proof of the fact that Congress acted with a full knowledge of the facts with regard to the merits of the Workers' Bill and the lack of merit of the administration bill. Thus workers will realize that the fight for enactment of the Worker's Bill depends upon them and not on the good will of the members of Congress.

American Student in Moscow

By Milton O'Rourke

This is the sixth of a series of letters from Milton O'Rourke, former University of California student, to a friend in the States. O'Rourke is at present studying science and philosophy in the Soviet Union.

MOSCOW, Nov. 28th.

Dear Comrade:
Without preliminaries, I'll take up the story where I left off. Even without knowing Russian, I have enjoyed hugely the two visits I have made to the theatre in Moscow. About three weeks ago, while I was still at the hotel, a young German stage director whom I met on the boat invited me to see a production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night at the Second Art Theatre.

We arrived just in the nick of time. In the Soviet Union latecomers aren't admitted to the auditorium while the play is in progress. The doors are closed when the footlights go on, and no amount of persuasion will induce the porter to let you through until the end of the scene.

Our seats were in the second box from the stage. Imagine such a box at the presentation of a Shakespeare play in Hollywood, full of glittering evening-gowned Crawfords and Pickfords. But such a play here isn't a rare social event. Shakespeare is staged nearly the year around. And this box was filled with "average citizens" in sweaters, unpressed suits and simple dresses. They sat, eagerly and completely attentive, on the edge of their chairs. And they should have, for only on a rare day could they have seen such a play anywhere outside of Russia.

* Soviet Theatre

For the sake of those in America who howl about the perversion of Soviet art to the lowly ends of propaganda, in this play, whose characters are noblemen, loafers, and rogues, there was no "political line," no trace of the class struggle, no moral, nothing but the undiluted spirit of Shakespeare.

During the intermissions, every

one goes out to the foyer to walk, smoke, eat and drink. It is wonderful to watch them there, relaxed, their faces flushed from exhausting laughter, promenading like the Mexicans at Sunday Plaza, buying apples, cakes, beer, and tea. There are scores of workmen, many without neckties, office employees, Red Armyists, and many children. Red Army privates and officers jostle each other in the struggle to get a glass of tea. The privates show no deference for their "superiors" here.

There is universal concern for the rules of the building. If, with American carelessness, you drop your cigarette on the stone stairway, some man or woman—not an attendant or usher—will tap you on the shoulder and with a frown say, "Tovarishi!" You hastily pick it up and carry it to one of the convenient waste cans.

* Workers Appreciative

At the end of the play the audience stood and applauded for ten minutes. The actors were called back again and again. It was nearly twelve o'clock when we walked onto the street of hard-working, proletarian Moscow, but Sverdlov Square was crowded with people coming from the many theatres. The trams and busses were full. And the few ruble taxicabs that were on hand were snatched up in a minute. This was on a week night. On a dozen other squares about the city the scene was duplicated. The working class enjoying the leisure which it has so long created for others.

I have almost forgotten to mention one important thing about the theatres here. That is that everyone I have been in has been filled up to the last seat. The theatre problem here isn't how to get an audience—but how to get a ticket to any of the fifteen or more first-class dramatic theatres in town! The last night in Leningrad I tried to get a ticket for Carmen—with valuta—and I couldn't, in spite of the fact that Il Trovatore was playing at another theatre the same night.

I remember the visit business was up when I wrote last. It has now been extended until the first of

May, which is for as long a period as anyone's visa is extended for the first time. This first time is the most important, because after that, unless something very strange happens, the rest of the extensions are easy.

I have also completed all arrangements with Professor Razumovsky and am hard at work—at last. Razumovsky is wonderful. I had my second conference, or one-man seminar with him last night. At the first meeting we decided, in a general way, on an outline of the material to be studied, and a manner of procedure. He assigns a certain amount of reading matter. I make written summaries of it, with added notes and comments. He then reads my notes, takes them up with me point by point, criticizes and corrects them, and amplifies and deepens my generalizations. I am now working on Engel's critique of Ludwig Feuerbach, a classic exposition of the Marxian dialectic. He certainly isn't going to spare me—on the other hand, I can hardly make the American collegiate complaint that he is treating me like a child. Besides this direct dealing with the major philosophical problems of dialectical materialism, we will discuss the developments taking place in the Soviet Union, and see how they concretely express the Marxian conceptions and in what relationship they stand to the general historical development of society. We meet once in six days.

* Soviet Professor

Last night I went to the first real lesson with five pages of notes on the first part of Ludwig Feuerbach. I came away after two hours a much criticized but wiser man. First of all, he treated my notes seriously; he expected to find from them how much I knew of the points in question. This is highly un-American. Several points I thought I was entirely pat on went right into the air and came down arranged differently. The concepts rearranged themselves both internally and in relation to each other. I learned more in those two hours about the basic propositions of materialism than

WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

WOULD GO TO RUSSIA

Arroyo Grande, April 16.

Dear Comrade:

Will you please send me information regarding prices of a round trip to Russia and what it includes? Thanks very much.

Comradely yours, D. Ans. The cost varies. They are as low as \$177.00 round trip including 8 days in the Soviet Union all expenses paid from New York. Transportation from the West to New York is separate. Prices range from this figure upward according to how long and how extensive a tour you are planning. World Tourist, Finance Building, 580 Market Street, San Francisco, will give all further desired information.—Ed.

FREE C. S. VICTIMS

San Francisco, Calif.
April 10, 1935.

Comrade Editor:

Enclosed find the sum of one dollar that I cheerfully contribute towards the defense of our beloved labor leaders who are forcibly and unlawfully detained in the capitalist jail at Sacramento because they demanded a raise of a few cents from greedy, banker controlled corporations who own and control a majority of the California fruit lands and have long exploited the agricultural workers.

These greedy exploiters of labor realize that their days of exploiting labor are numbered, hence their attempt to frame our comrades. But we, the agricultural workers, will answer that yellow attack this summer by all the forces of organized labor. Each and every worker will become a second Pat Chambers.

Yours Comradely

R. S.

NAILS GALLUP LIES

Deming, New Mexico.
April 18, 1935.

Dear Comrades:

Enclosed find 50 cents in stamps for which please send bundle of Western Workers, dated April 8. I wish to distribute this issue here in Deming and hope to give citizens the true story of this Gallup frameup and thereby get some aid for our comrades.

The Scribbs-Howard Press, the "El Paso Herald Post," has given an entirely different version of this case and so it's almost impossible to arouse any interest here in the little village of Deming.

Comradely yours

C. M. C.

SEEKS CONTACT

Lodi, Calif.
March 23, 1935.

Dear Comrades:

In a recent issue of the paper you published a very interesting article from a worker who had made a trip to the South in 1931. We comrades here and sympathizers would like very much to get acquainted with the writer. It is through our paper, the Western Worker, that we know there are comrades here who have not been contacted yet.

The writer of this letter can say that I know there are hundreds of sympathizers who are eager for our literature. Most workers are aware about prosperity but some think the Townsend Bill will go through.

Oh, if we only had a propaganda corps like they have in the China Red Army. Perhaps some day a group of this kind may be organized.

Comradely yours

G. M.

WHO'S DOING SOMETHING

San Francisco, Calif.
April 22, 1935.

Dear Comrades:

I see in my April "Machinery," page 520 that the United Engineering Foundry Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa., got an order from the U. S. S. R. for a \$3,000,000 steel rolling mill plant, electrically driven and provided with tinker or roller bearings—the largest of its kind for foreign shipment.

And on page 502, it is stated that some of the most powerful electric locomotives in the world have been built in the Soviet Union for passenger service. These locomotives are powered with 2,700 horse power motors that are capable of pulling a train of twenty cars at a speed of eighty miles per hour.

According to "The Iron Age" the United States shows a decline in the production of pig iron. Who is doing something?

Comradely yours

A. C.

LEARNING COMMUNISM

Berkeley, Cal.
March 25, 1935.

Dear Sir:

I wish to state my motives in requesting further information on Communism.

When the Party was canvassing to get names on the petitions in order to get on the ballot, I not only signed but asked many others to do so. Since then I have seen and heard much, merely as an observer. There are two vital reasons for my interest this time.

First, I feel there must be something very good and interesting in anything that Mr. Hearst "pans" day after day. Second, I state positively that during the steady strike of last year, 99 per cent of the property damage done in the East Bay was done by union men and not by "Reds" as the newspapers insisted was the case. When a big corporation will lay a man off a job merely because he talks favorably about Communism it's high time to realize that there's something good in it for the toiling masses that the big shots are afraid of.

I am an SFRA worker now, but I buy a copy of your paper when I can.

Yours very truly

T. R. G.

Ed.—Had the "big shots" not used force and violence in attempting to break the strike, no property damage would have occurred. Organized labor fights when it has to but does not wilfully destroy property.

ONE MAN STARVES

San Francisco, Calif.
April 17, 1935.

Comrades:

Do you realize that every block you ride on a Market Street Railway car this year you will be helping put a fellow worker out of a job?

I address this letter to you because its you—the working stiff that has to pay for this capitalist scheme. The big corporation bosses aren't satisfied with their \$50,000 a year income. So what do they do? They figure a way out and nine times out of ten the worker will have to suffer.

They cut the platform force right in half which will simply mean FOR EVERY ONE-MAN CAR, ONE MAN WILL STARVE.

It is up to the workers to rise and demand and protest against this madcap scheme!

By A. B. C.

WHY NO UNION LABEL APPEARS

We have been asked why the Western Worker does not carry the union label and we feel a note of explanation is due.

The Western Worker has always been set up and printed entirely by union men, members of the International Typographical Union.

Prior to the vigilante raids of last summer our work was done by the Triangle Printing Company who were allowed to put the label on the paper without question. After the wreckage of our offices and the Triangle shop by the vigilantes we were forced to change shops and the new printers made application for the union label. The existing union shops to whom we offered the job frankly admitted that they were intimidated and were afraid to take the work at any price.

The label was refused on the grounds that our four hours of mailing a week is not done by union members. This is an undoubted evasion by the union officials, who had no objection to our using the label before the raids, even though our mailing was done then, as now, by trusted members of the Communist Party.

Because of the dangers involved in letting our mailing lists go into the hands of non-Party people we insist on protecting our readers against the possibility of Industrial Association stool pigeons, by having the entire mailing handled only by trusted Communists who are assigned to it.

I have in six months of reading.

I won't even compare it with school at Berkeley, so far as learning something fundamental goes. It is no wonder that professors in the States sneer at Marxian analysis. With their meandering, shoddy thinking, and their lack of real erudition, the scientific precision of Marxism is completely incomprehensible to them.

* Meal Time

So the study of Russian and the dialectic consumes a minimum

of five hours a day. The problem of eating usually takes another three or even four hours. I get my own breakfast; and in the Soviet Union, it consists of about the same things as at home: eggs, tea, bread, melba toast, and by the grace of Torgsin, tangerines.

I usually go to the New Moscow Hotel to get the one large o'clock of the day at about three o'clock in the afternoon. By selecting from the menu, I can get a good dinner for fifty cents.

Comradely

the
Latest Lies
From the
Capitalist Press
BY COOLEY

Clippings from the capitalist press are being sent in from all over the west, so that this column should soon be representative of all the best lies on the Pacific Coast. But when you send them in be sure to say WHAT PAPER THEY ARE FROM and under what date they were published. It's a waste of time trying to expose unidentified liars.

One unidentified clipping we received reports a roundabout lie of the American Legion which announces that a Legion investigation committee has finally placed the blame for the food poisoning of 700 veterans at the National Soldier's Home in Sawtelle. The men were poisoned Sept. 6, 1934, and it took the Legion approximately seven and a half months to discover that it "could have been prevented by not permitting meats to stand in room temperature for a sufficient length of time to allow for incubation of staphylococci bacteria."

If it takes the Legion over half a year to discover that eating meat that has "incubated staphylococci bacteria" will cause "staphylococci toxin," how long would it take the Legion to discover that feeding rotten meat to broken veterans because it's a good graft is criminal?

And what is the Legion doing to do about it?

The magazine "Today" in its issue dated April 13, has an article by Gilbert Seldes called "The Unreal Newsweek." Here's a paragraph from it:

The newsreels are theoretically open to all expressions of opinion which are believed to be of interest to the public, but, in practice, very little to the left of Franklin D. Roosevelt makes its way to the screen—whenever it does, it usually is presented in an unfavorable light. This is perfectly understandable, inasmuch as the average audience does not want Communist propaganda when it goes to the movies.

How many lies can you find in that?

I find three lies and one evasion of the truth in that paragraph.

No, once—the newsreels are not even "theoretically" open to all expressions of opinion. The money kings who ordered news reels of the Sacco and Vanzetti case suppressed are making no bones about doctoring the scenes that irritate their money nerves and suppressing those scenes that might question things as they are.

No, two—the expression "very little to the left of Franklin D. Roosevelt" is just a repetition of the lie that Wall Street considers Franklin D. Roosevelt has gone too far to the left with his "New Deal." Roosevelt is a reactionary tool of finance capital; only he is more clever than Hoover in posing as a friend of the forgotten man. If a president's policies force up the cost of living, bring down wages, increase profits and mobilize the entire country for war—all to the benefit of the bosses—how can he be considered anything but a reactionary?

No, three—since the "average audience" has never seen any "Communist Propaganda," who authorized Mr. Seldes to say they would not like to see a truthfully represented newsreel, just once in a while, instead of the piffle they are now putting up with?

And the remark that scenes to the "left" of Roosevelt are "usually presented in an unfavorable light" is a gentle evasion of the truth that newsreels are Wall Street propaganda.

The San Francisco Chronicle of April 20, had a prize-winning headline that ought to get the writer of it on Hearst's All American staff of Qualified Liars. Here it is: "SOVIET ENGINEER JAILED 10 YEARS FOR SINGING TO GIRL." If that staggers you then what do you think of this story that went under it? "On charges that he sang to his book-keeper and spent government funds and time breeding pigeons, Mikhail Ifremoff... was sentenced today to 10 years in prison. Book-keeper Snetkoff, who listened to the singing and was convicted of hiding the shortage, was sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment."

Now you can see that the Chronicle is quite positive about the man getting 10 years for singing to the girl, who got five years for listening. That was the headline. So what's the money got to do with it? The story goes on to say: "... Ifremoff spent 4,200 rubles of government funds for taxis etc. etc."